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Swimming pool sunk?

COUNCIL officers are recommending that the temporary closure of Harlow's swimming pool should be made permanent and the building demolished as soon as possible. At a press conference on Monday,

strategic director Graham Branchett listed the catalogue of serious structural and health and safety problems which would cost the council tax-payer an estimated £728,125 to put right. **FULL STORY - PAGE 3**

BEATEN UP BECAUSE OF HIS AUTISM

Report by CHRIS MOSS
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A FURIOUS mum is threatening to withdraw her autistic son from school after he was left with internal bleeding in a playground attack.

Jo Meredith claims 14-year-old Paul has been the victim of several assaults at Burnt Mill School and believes staff are not doing enough to protect him.

Paul, pictured right, suffered two black eyes, a swollen face and was left bleeding from the head after he was beaten up on Monday morning – just days after national Anti-Bullying Week.

His mother said she believed he was subjected to taunts because of his autism.

Medics at Princess Alexandra Hospital gave him a full brain scan after they identified internal bleeding. He was finally able to go home later that evening.

Miss Meredith (32), of Rivermill, she said she was no longer prepared to risk letting him go back to school. "It's disgraceful that no-one seems to want to

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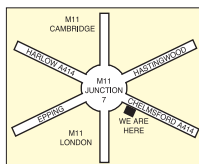
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Pool repairs would cost the town £3¼m

By JIM TANFIELD
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COUNCIL officers have recommended shutting down Harlow Pool and demolishing it as soon as possible.

At a press conference on Monday, Harlow Council strategic director Graham Branchett outlined a catalogue of serious structural and health and safety problems which would cost the taxpayer an estimated £728,125 to fix.

He predicted it would cost £1.358m and entail a nine-month closure to keep the pool in good running order – and said the council did not have the money for repairs.

If given the go-ahead, the demolition would come two years earlier than anticipated, paving the way for the 60 new homes earmarked for the site as part of the Harlow Gateway Project – a move endorsed by Mr Branchett. The new leisure centre in Velizy Avenue is expected to open in September 2009.

Independent engineering firm Pellings inspected the pool after water leaked through the roof in June and found many other problems needing attention.

Mr Branchett said the roof would need restructuring and re-felting.

His report to councillors states that there is "significant risk of catastrophic failure of the roof lifting during strong winds" but he insisted it was not a danger to the public before being closed in September.

The emergency lighting, pool water heater, fire alarm and chemical dosing equipment all need upgrading while the stairs, public gallery, air conditioning, changing rooms and some panes of glass would have to have been refurbished to meet health and safety standards.

The pool's main stairs, stair lift and toilets need £165,000 spent on them to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act.

Asked why regular inspections had not been carried out previously into what appear to be serious safety risks, Mr Branchett said: "Due to the water ingress in June, a risk assessment of the rest of the pool was felt appropriate."

He added the council was not legally obliged to conduct regular maintenance checks on the structure but stressed the council had been carrying out statutory



HIGH AND DRY: Councillors will decide on Tuesday whether to close Harlow Pool

MP 'horrified' by scale of work

MP Bill Rammell has criticised Harlow Council, suggesting the pool should have been properly maintained throughout the course of its existence. He told the *Star* yesterday (Wednesday): "I'm horrified at the cost and scale of works the council say are now required on

the pool building and the length of time it will take to do them.

"It does raise some serious questions about how the building has been maintained in the past.

"I raised the issue in several recent meetings with the council's chief executive and I am

seeking further urgent discussions in light of this report."

Mr Rammell said he had also been helping some users find an alternative. "I think the council has an obligation to do all it can to assist users and I will continue to press them to do so," he added.

health and safety inspections.

If the pool is closed, 30 members of staff will be deployed elsewhere. Some users, although no swimming groups, have already found alternative facilities.

Environment and community committee chairwoman Eleanor Macy told the press conference: "It was nearing the end of its

life. If members agree to close the pool, it will be with great regret."

She said the 46-year-old building was never intended to last and added: "I can't believe the council would have left the pool open had they thought it was dangerous."

Councillors are due to vote on the future of the pool next Tuesday.

PELLINGS surveyors carried out an assessment of the 46-year-old building and the council has listed its interpretation of the estimated cost of repairs, replacements and renovations:

- Fixing structure of the main roof and re-felt £305,000
- Overhauling ageing emergency lighting £9,375
- Upgrading ageing equipment £6,875
- Replacing low-voltage distribution board £9,375
- Upgrading fire alarm system £5,000
- Miscellaneous electrical work £7,500
- Upgrading old pool heater £68,750
- Chemical dosage equipment replacement £10,000
- Upgrading ageing main stairs equipment £46,250
- Main stair lift replaced to accommodate wheelchairs £62,500
- Public toilets refurbishment £56,250
- Safety work on glass panes £10,000
- Changing room stairs and tiling £18,750
- Plant room stair Health and Safety upgrade £6,250
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Schoolboy has brain scan after playground attack

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take responsibility for putting a stop to this violence," she said. "He was bloody and bruised and his face was all swollen up; he looked like the Elephant Man."

Miss Meredith went public in September after the Crown Prosecution Service dropped a case against a teenager alleged to have attacked Paul in Harlow Town Park because it was thought his condition might cause him to break down under cross-examination.

Burnt Mill headteacher Stephen Chamberlain said the school could not comment specifically on the incident as it is the subject of an ongoing police investigation, but he said bullying was taken very seriously and the person found to be responsible for the attack would be expelled.

He added: "Where incidents have been brought to our attention in the past, we have always acted swiftly to safeguard Paul and our other students, often excluding trouble-makers as a result. We are very upset that this incident occurred at our school."

A 14-year-old arrested on suspicion of actual bodily harm has been bailed until December 21.

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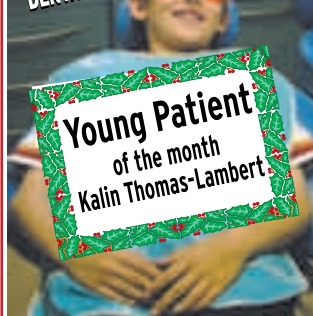
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Shop at cutting edge of new consumerism



By
BEN WILKINSON

MAKING another welcome return to *Nostalgia* is Harlow's London Co-operative Society department store, whose original manager Dennis Hyde featured on these pages a fortnight ago.

Thanks to East Park resident Albert Axton for sending us a fascinating advertising supplement from the local newspaper in March 1963 when the new LCS "multiple store" in Broad Walk first opened.

Hailed as the most modern and advanced department store in Britain, the shop promised to stock everything from a pin to a washing machine. It also boasted a host of innovations like drop-fronted counters "handy for shopping baskets" and carpets suspended from rods on railway tracks allowing customers to view 50 carpets in minutes simply by pulling a handle. The music department Record Rendezvous guaranteed all the latest sounds, while in the footwear department self-selection meant shoppers choosing pairs of shoes from



the huge display and trying them on. Only when they had selected the ones they wanted did they take them to an assistant.

Meanwhile, on the food side the butchery department's large plate-glass panel allowed customers to see into the meat preparation room while among the hundreds of groceries were foreign ingredients and "everything from television snacks to pre-packed

Chinese meals".

Mr Hyde is the subject of an interview in which he describes his ambitions and philosophy. It explains how the 45-year-old "outdoor type" started with the Co-op as a footwear assistant, returning after wartime service with the Royal Navy.

"I try to treat my staff as human beings," he said. "Of course there must be discipline but I do believe if you

treat people decently they will act accordingly.

"I make a point of treating my junior staff with the same respect I expect them to show me. I say good morning and address them by name - and even a boy straight from school has the right to a 'Mr' before his name."

Another article introduces "the team that will staff Harlow's top store" and it is here that our correspondent, Mr Axton, is featured as manager of the butchery department, along with other department heads Thomas Wilkinson, Joseph Baynton, Raymond Hardy, Ashley Morrish, Derek Ruth, Rose Garner, Rosa Mitchell, Sylvia Page and others.

"Mr Axton is used to giving advice about cuts of meat and how to cook them, even to his wife although she does the cooking," it notes.

Mr Axton, now 83-years-old, told *Nostalgia*: "I was managing the small Co-op store at The Stow but moved across to The High to head up the butchery department when it opened. I stayed there until the store closed in 1981 and then I ran another small Co-op in Ongar.

"All-in-all I worked for the Co-op for 51 years, from the age of 14 to my retirement. The LCS department store was a great place to work and shop and it was a sad day for Harlow when it went."

25 YEARS AGO

December 2, 1982

HOUSE SALES SOAR

COUNCIL house sales in Harlow are among the highest in the country with nearly 2,500 tenants buying their homes. Despite Harlow Council's reluctance to sell off the town's precious housing stock, sales have overtaken even those of other new towns like Stevenage and Basildon. The news doesn't please Harlow's Labour councillors who fought vigorously against the Government's orders to sell.

NEW LIFE FOR CHURCH

HARLOW Chorus members recently took a break from rehearsals to concentrate their attention on a different sort of creativity. Plans have been developing over the past two years for the conversion of St John's Church in Old Harlow, recently declared redundant, into an arts and community centre. The initiative has come from members of a Chorus sub-committee who recognise the value that such a centre could be.

PLAY'S CASH BOOST

A NEW project being launched by Harlow's travelling theatre group has been given a £600 boost by chain store Marks and Spencer. Theatretravellers are hoping to raise around £2,000 to employ Graham Lucas to write a play about Harlow.

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WE have, in the past, printed pictures showing the equipment and personnel of Harlow's early new town fire crews, but here for the first time are the town's volunteer firefighters of the Second World War.

The cheery-looking and smartly-groomed group made up the Netteswell and Burnt Mill Auxiliary Fire Service, based at the Greyhound public house.

Long Ley resident Rita Hester sent us the photograph. Her father, Eddie Wood, appears second from the left in the back row.

"The man at the back left, next to my father, is Frank Mascal," she said. "The lone man in the centre is Les Lewis and to his right in front are his father and brother. "I can't remember who any of the others are but I'm sure there are still folk around in Harlow who will know."

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Cemetery's visitors hit by thieves

CALLOUS thieves are targeting mourners as they visit the graves of loved ones at Harlow's cemetery.

Council chiefs say crooks have broken into several cars left parked in the grounds of Parndon Wood Crematorium in recent weeks.

The latest victim, Bridget Davies (57), of Latton Green, was with her sister cleaning their parents' headstone on Saturday when her vehicle was broken into and her handbag stolen.

Now she is urging people to be on their guard when they visit the site.

"I'm incredibly angry but we just can't let them win," she said. "I really do not want anyone else there, visiting graves or going to cremations, to suffer in the same way."

Mrs Davies left her car within sight of the grave when she visited the Parndon Wood Road crematorium at 2.20pm.

But she returned to find the rear window had been smashed and her bag, containing cash, her mobile phone and Christmas sav-

By **JIM TANFIELD**

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ing stamps, was missing.

"I would never normally leave my handbag on show, but the car was in view and it felt very safe and tranquil there so it's the last thing I would have expected to happen," she said.

A spokesman for Harlow Council said it was aware several incidents have occurred recently and that officers were speaking to police about possible security measures.

"Criminals will operate anywhere, even in cemeteries where people understandably assume they should be safe from such appalling acts," he said. "Unfortunately, this is not the case."

"We understand that the most recent incident happened when a lady left a handbag visible in a car."

"Sadly, we have to urge people to be as vigilant and cautious with their belongings as they would in any other car park and public place."



VICTIMS: Bridget Davies, left, and Bernadette Ashby

(photo: CRDK2V7S/04)

Court date in false ID case

AN alleged illegal immigrant arrested at Stansted Airport is to appear in crown court charged with possessing false identity documents.

Ghana-born Amanda Banga (34), of Brocklesmead, Harlow, faces three charges of having false identity papers, including a passport and a Home Office residency permit.

She was arrested by Stansted Airport police on November 13 and appeared at Harlow Magistrates' Court the following day.

The case was referred to Chelmsford Crown Court for a plea and management hearing on February 4.

Lorna's tree-mendous effort

HARLOW Council chairwoman Lorna Spenceley put down new roots on Sunday when she planted a commemorative tree to mark the town's 60th anniversary.

Mrs Spenceley helped conservationists plant the 60 Year Wood, which will join Hospital & Risdens Wood with Parndon Wood when it is fully mature.

"Harlow New Town was founded on the principles of creating a harmonious balance between the urban and rural, so what better way to commemorate our 60th anniversary than the planting of woodland?" she said.



DIG IN: Pictured are, left to right, Gemma Fazackerley, Lorna Spenceley and Julia Fazackerley

(photo: FTSXWTZC/02)

Elderly woman killed in blaze

A **PENSIONER** has been killed in a blaze which ripped through her mobile home.

Firefighters were called to Dobbs Weir on Tuesday morning when flames were seen at the caravan, on the corner of Dobbs Weir and Eldon Road.

The woman in her 80s was pronounced dead at 5am and an investigation is underway to determine the cause of the blaze.

Assistant divisional officer Bill McKenzie said: "It is a delicate situation and there is an on-going investigation. The mobile home was totally destroyed."

Fire service community commander Ray Skinner added: "Until we carry out an investigation, we can't rule out any cause."

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WE SAY

HARLOW Pool and the long-defunct aquatubes were once the pride of the town. Now, we are told, it is in such a poor state of repair there is no alternative but to demolish it.

Harlow Council's strategic director is at pains to point out that the age and design of the building is the cause, not the lack of money spent on its upkeep.

But would this have happened if there was

not a new pool on the horizon, albeit two years away from completion? One suspects not.

Is there really a need to spend tens of thousands of pounds on the pool's public gallery to keep the swimming area open, for instance?

It would be a shame if the lack of a municipal pool prevented some of our children from taking up a sport which would not only improve their fitness but also give them the chance to excel on a world stage.

The final decision now rests with councillors. Let's hope it is one they do not live to regret.

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SIR, I understand that, following opposition to Harlow Council's unpopular plans to change our Town Park, the residents of Altham Grove have received consultation letters and have even been invited to a meeting. I use the park's green, open spaces on a daily basis. Am I not entitled to be consulted as well? When will the council ever learn exactly what the world consultation actually means. They use it so often yet never seem to fully grasp its concept.

The park belongs to its users and none of us have been asked our opinions, so I will give mine here. I have always believed the Town Park would remain a beautiful, natural, green, open space – part of our heritage. Never in a million years did I think the council would take it away from us.

And make no mistake this is what is happening. The plans may look nice but in reality they are anything but. Well over one third of our green land will be lost by the relocation of Pets Corner alone – we're not getting it back somewhere else in the park.

We will never be able to access a flat green field in the park again; we will only have little green wedges around new buildings. In addition, many trees will be felled.

The council does not grasp the concept of green, open or space. It seems to think that everything green needs to be filled with concrete.

It is set to make a bid for a considerable sum of money from the Lottery Heritage Fund for all these unwanted changes. I would prefer my Lottery money to go to a more worthwhile cause than ruining our beautiful, natural, green, open park and turning it into a concrete funfair. It's a green park, please leave it as one.

Name and address supplied – Editor

Pool closure woe

SIR, I would like to express my disappointment at the continued closure of Harlow Pool. Having made inquiries, I have been told that several areas of the pool require consideration under health and safety regulations which require different expert opinions.

The conclusions of these inspections will be considered by a meeting of Harlow Council's environment and community committee on December 4. By the time of this meeting the pool will have been closed for three months.

It should not take three months to inspect and write a report. In a commercial world that would not be acceptable.

We were promised the pool would remain open until the new one is ready to use. It seems rather ironic

that just as building works are undertaken for the new pool, our existing pool is closed.

Surely, as a going concern for many years, the pool would have and should be adhering to rules and regulations along with general maintenance. It would have undergone regular inspections so I don't understand how things could suddenly be so drastically wrong.

The meeting on December 4 will decide what happens next. I strongly urge all pool users to attend if we are to have any hope of keeping our pool open until the new one is built, as promised by the council.

Katrina Ray
Park Lane, Harlow

It's time to Act

SIR, Further to your report on the Further Education and Training Act, it is nice that for once I feel able to offer some praise to Harlow MP Bill Rammell, even if his actions have come too late for the 90-odd lecturers who have lost their jobs or left Harlow College while the principal and board of governors are allowed to remain.

That college governors can now be instructed to sack an incompetent principal and that the Learning and Skills Council can ultimately sack the governors must be seen as a step forward to preventing a re-run of Harlow elsewhere.

Looking at the provisions of the Act, the following are also important steps for the future – requiring principals to achieve leadership qualifications, allowing the LSC to intervene in the management of unsatisfactory FE provision and requiring FE colleges to consult with learners and prospective learners.

However, the Act cannot be implemented retrospectively so I wonder if the recent OFSTED report can be used to get rid of the principal at Harlow College and perhaps a totally discredited chair of governors at the same time?

Pete Brown
Granada, Spain (via email)

Wrong message

SIR, I have nothing but sympathy in my heart for the family and friends of Frank Empson. To be taken at such a young age in such a violent manner is an absolute tragedy and a troublesome reminder of the times we are all living in.

The two individuals found guilty of his manslaughter should, at the very least, spend the rest of their lives as a guest of Her Majesty and even that, in my opinion, would be much too lenient.

My sympathy, however, does not extend to the point of justifying Mr.

Empson's actions before his death. Local newspapers seem to have adopted the position that it's all right and perfectly acceptable that he was selling illegal narcotics to finance his father's medical treatment. What a load of absolute rubbish.

Where does this end and where does one draw the line? If, for example, I was to find myself behind in my mortgage payments and the prospect of homelessness was hovering over my family, does that give me the right to sell crack cocaine? Or guns? Or start a prostitution racket? Of course it does not.

Newspapers have a journalistic responsibility to provide much better than this, in particular to younger readers who will no doubt have come away from reading the coverage on this story thinking that if things become desperate, crime is a logical direction in which to turn.

Mr Empson chose to break the law and in doing so entered a world where opportunism, dishonesty, desperation and violence rule supreme. That the case is a tragedy there is no doubt, but it's one that could have been prevented.

Name and address supplied – Editor

Valued Victorian

SIR, Last Thursday I attended a sparkling concert at the Victoria Hall in Old Harlow. This was one of many events I have seen at this delightful theatre.

It was a wonderful concert in memory of Johnny Wong who recently died in a tragic accident, cutting short his talented life. The Victoria Hall was a favourite venue of his, as it is mine.

Various drama groups are desperately raising money to prevent the theatre from being closed. This would be a tragedy and I recommend anyone to visit the theatre or help financially by phoning 07870 663480.

Ann Flint
School Lane, Harlow

Crossing hazard

SIR, Can anyone enlighten me to what constitutes a pedestrian crossing?

The one on Tilegate Road by the Post Office at Bush Fair requires redefining as a crossing, but until that time motorists will still park on the worn hazard markings and the children and the elderly will continue to be at risk from being run over because the other motorists cannot see them.

It's only a matter of time.

Paul Wadley
St Andrews Meadow, Harlow

THIS week we start a series of behind-the-scenes peek into the world of the unsung heroes of St Clare Hospice. Over the next four weeks we will be delving into the unreported world of the staff who keep the centre ticking over on a daily basis. To start, reporter Jim Tanfield went along to one of the hospice's charity shops to get a snapshot of what life is like generating funds for the centre.



By
JIM TANFIELD

WITH the seemingly never-ending amount of charity shops gracing our town centres, it is hard to believe that any of them can raise a significant amount of money.

Yet without the funds generated by its shop in Templefields, Harlow, Hastingwood's St Clare Hospice would struggle to maintain the range of services it provides to its patients and their families.

The sheer size of the shop means its atmosphere is more like that of a modern aircraft hangar. On entering the premises it is noticeable that everything is neatly ordered, with books, clothes, furniture, toys and general bric-a-brac regimented into their own department. Some of the shop's 40 volunteers are busy sorting donations, taking cash and keeping the perfectly alphabetically-ordered library stocked.

"That may sound like a lot of volunteers but we need an awful lot more than



HOSPICE HELPERS: Above, Tina Crook and Sandra Howard sort through some of the many donations (photo: LCXSM7SH/03). Left, an aerial view gives an indication of the size of the shop in Harlow (photo: LCXSM7SH/09)

that," said retail sales manager Louise Hamilton, who is responsible for overseeing all six hospice shops in Harlow, Epping, Saffron Walden, Debden, Buckhurst Hill and Dunmow.

It currently costs £1.8m a year to run the hospice, which has eight private beds and provides day services for patients needing regular medical procedures such as dialysis and transfusions.

Proceeds from the shops are just one way in which the hospice can raise the money to pay the bills.

"It's 100 per cent profit on the things people donate to the shop," said Louise. "We can't sell everything and some of the items brought in we have to throw away."

Fabrics, however, are never binned. Donations of designer clothing are sent to the Epping or Buckhurst Hill outlets because the Harlow shop has a maximum price of £1 per clothing item.

"We had a Ted Baker dress brought in to Harlow so we sent it up to the Epping branch where it sold for £40," said Louise.

Even clothes and fabrics which can't be sold can still raise funds. In the past year, £30,000 has been raised through recycling, proof that everything has a value.

Harlow shop manager Richard White said: "I don't think you could print some of the items we have been donated."

"The most unusual thing we have been given was probably an antique till. We have also been left a handbag with money in it."

On one occasion volunteers were examining an old box when they found £1,000 beneath a cardboard false bottom.

Bigger items such as furniture can be picked up from the owner's home by the shop's two drivers Clint and Dave.

Every day the k'ching of the till can be heard up to 300 times as the shop achieves some 80,000 transactions a year.

But with rent costing £28,000 and the hospice benefiting from only a charitable reduction in rates, the shop still needs as much help as possible.

Last year the six outlets raised a total £217,000 for the hospice but Louise said: "This year we are determined to make it £250,000 and we are well on course to do so."

● *The shop, situated behind The Range, off Edinburgh Way, is open seven days a week 9.30am-4.30pm, 11am-4pm Sundays.*

NEXT WEEK: Meet some of the staff who work at the hospice

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It's worth dropping in this Christmas.

You'll find gifts galore at The Water Gardens with CDs and DVDs at HMV and all the latest toys and games at The Entertainer. Always look your best with great fashions from Jane Norman, Next, River Island, TopShop and TK Maxx. The Christmas celebrations really get under way on December 15th. Santa will be there spreading cheer with gliding reindeer, a glowing fairy, face painters and music and rhythms from the Harlow Steel Band. Bring the family and make a day of it. If you feel like a break there's Nandos, Pizza Hut and the Water Margin to look after the innerself. Happy Christmas everyone!



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RNA branch prepares for very special anniversary

MEMBERS of the Harlow branch of the Royal Naval Association rounded off 2007 with a special lunchtime buffet.

Among the guests invited to the event, held at the Royal British Legion club in Latton Common Road, were a number of widows of former members.

Transport arrangements were also improved to enable members with mobility difficulties who have difficulty getting to regular meetings to attend.

Secretary June Ray explained that with the last event of the year now over, the branch was preparing for its golden jubilee in 2008.

"We are hoping in our 50th anniversary year to attract many new members from ex-naval people in the town," she said. "October will be the time of the celebration and plans are being made to hold a church service of dedication as well as a social event."



(photo: VT9C7FCJ/03)

PM's plaudits for young apprentice



A HARD-working engineering apprentice from Harlow has been given a pat on the back by Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

Harlow College student Thomas Kallemidjian was invited to a reception at Number 10 at which young people from around the country were congratulated on their achievements.

The 16-year-old trainee electrical engineer, who is on an apprenticeship scheme with O-I at the former United Glass works in Edinburgh Way, was chosen after being nominated as one of the best performing and most promising apprentices in Harlow by college lecturers.

He was accompanied to the event by town MP Bill Rammell.

"It was a great evening and very exciting to meet the Prime Minister and tour 10 Downing Street with Mr Rammell, he said. "Mr Brown wished me

GORDON'S GUESTS: Thomas Kallemidjian and MP Bill Rammell with the Prime Minister (s)

the best of luck for the future."

Mr Rammell, Government minister for further education and lifelong learning, said: "Increasing the number of apprenticeships for Harlow's young people is extremely important for the local economy and the knock-on effects it will have on our community.

"In this case Thomas gets support with his studies and an offer of employment at the end of his training whilst O-I have the advantage of recruiting a committed and keen young person into his first job with their company.

"Thomas' visit to Number 10 was in recognition of the hard work and commitment he has shown as one of our town's best apprentices and I hope other young people in Harlow will have an opportunity to follow his example in the future."

Busy time for WI

DECEMBER promises to be a busy month for Harlow Women's Institute, beginning on Wednesday when members hold their Christmas lunch.

This will be followed a week later by the branch's monthly meeting and then a Christmas miscellany of seasonal words and music on December 17.

The branch is looking to recruit new members. For more information call Daphne Stringer on (01279) 600913.

Pots of cash

SNOOKER loopy Harlow folk should be cue-ing at the door for a fundraising snookerthon in aid of St Clare Hospice.

The event, in memory of local man Steve Boland who died in 2003, takes place at The Stow Snooker Club on Saturday from 6pm. For more information call (01279) 866266.

Crafty Christmas

THERE'S a chance to stock up on Christmas gifts at a charity craft fair taking place at the Quaker Meeting House in Hemnall Street, Epping, on Saturday.

The fair, which runs from 10am-4pm, is being held in aid of MEDICS, a voluntary service provided by doctors who attend emergency calls across Essex.

It has been organised by dementia nurse Lean Lee and occupational therapist Sarah Croot, both based at St Margaret's Hospital.

As well as crafts, stalls will be selling home-made cakes, refreshments and books and there will also be a raffle. Admission is free.

Shelter volunteers

VOLUNTEERS are required to help with this year's Christmas shelter which will set up at the Great Parndon Community Association hall in Harlow.

The shelter, which has been based at the hall for the past seven years, gives the homeless streets a roof over their head and a Christmas meal.

Anyone interested in volunteering their services can attend a meeting at the hall on December 10 from 7.30pm or contact Mick Grainger on (01279) 439288.

Stroke group raffle

RAFFLE tickets are now on sale for a prize draw in aid of Harlow Stroke Support Group.

Among the prizes are a 15-inch high definition television set, a year's free parking at the Harvey Centre and vouchers from various local shops.

Tickets for the draw, which takes place on December 21, cost £1 and available by calling (01279) 308313.

Fire station prize

THE chance to spend a day with local firefighters is the prize in a raffle organised by Essex County Fire and Rescue Service.

Proceeds from the draw will go to the Fire Services National Benevolent Fund.

The winner will get a full tour of the station and its appliances, see the firefighters train, enjoy lunch in the mess with a crew and, in the event of an emergency call, see how it is handled.

Anyone winning the raffle can donate the prize to a friend or relative as a surprise Christmas present if they wish.

Tickets are £2 and the draw takes place on December 20. To enter send a cheque, along with your contact details to Kate Stafford, FSNBF, Rayleigh Close, Hutton, Essex CM13 1AL.

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travelling by train to London this Christmas?

Liverpool Street station will be closed between 23rd December and 1st January 2008 inclusive.

As a result of major engineering work on the approach lines, trains from Harlow will terminate at either Tottenham Hale or Seven Sisters. Customers for central London should complete their journey from these stations by using the Victoria Line tube. Your train ticket will be accepted for travel.

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Warning signs to reel in carp killers

Armed and dangerous

DRIVERS had to avoid an unusual obstacle on the northbound carriageway of the M11 on Tuesday – an armchair.

It is not known whether the piece of furniture, which ended up between the Harlow and Bishop's Stortford junctions of the busy motorway during the morning rush hour, had fallen off the back of a vehicle or had been deliberately dumped.

Speed restrictions were put in place while traffic officers were sent to the scene to remove it from the carriageway.



SIGN OF THE TIMES: Stort Angling Club secretary Bob Groom with one of the warning signs to be put up at Netteswell Pond (photo: YNQVW4SC/02)

By **CHRIS MOSS**
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SIGNS warning potential poachers not to steal fish are to be put up at ponds and waterways in and around Harlow in a bid to curb the illegal theft of carp.

Diagrams on the the roadsign-style warnings, *pictured above right*, have been designed to show that spearing, taking home and cooking the freshwater fish is prohibited.

Police in Harlow have received several reports of poaching from rivers and ponds.

One theory is that some of the thefts are the responsibility of eastern European migrants who consider the carp as a delicacy.

Anglers in the town have welcomed the news that the warning signs, which are being distributed nationally by the Environment Agency, are being erected by Harlow Council.

Bob Groom, secretary of the Stort Valley Angling Society, said: "It's been a long time coming but I'm very glad we've finally got these signs.

"There can't be any excuses now from thieves. The message is made very clear that carp is not to be taken or eaten.

"In the past eastern Europeans have pleaded ignorance of the law on fishing in



this country but these signs make perfect sense in any language."

Catching and killing carp is outlawed in Britain and anglers nationally have long been calling for clearer warnings to be displayed at lakes, rivers and ponds.

Anyone caught stealing carp could face a maximum fine of £200.

The new campaign will largely focus on Netteswell Pond, which has a particularly high population of carp, although signs will also be displayed along the River Stort.

Councillor Eleanor Macy, chairwoman of the council's environment and community committee, told the *Star* it was important to protect fish stocks.

"These signs will go some way to reducing the problem and protecting the high level of carp species we have at Netteswell Pond," she added.

A police spokesman said: "We understand local concerns about the poaching of fish, especially carp, and the effect that it has on fish stocks in this country.

"This initiative is, therefore, a welcome addition to increase public awareness and deter offenders."

PAH unaffected by midwives shortage

HEALTH chiefs say levels of midwifery staff at Harlow's Princess Alexandra Hospital are good despite fears of a regional shortage.

Research has found the number of midwives joining the NHS in the eastern region has fallen at a time when the birth rate has increased sharply.

As a result almost one in every 13 midwifery posts in the region is vacant.

But a spokesman for the PAH NHS Trust said it was managing to bring in new staff to help cope with demand at its new birthing centre.

"We recently had nine new vacancies and we had a big recruitment drive because we were after experienced midwives for the new centre

which was opened in the summer," he said.

"We recruited seven straight away and one later on so there is only one vacancy still to be filled. We are very pleased with our staffing levels at the moment."

Meanwhile, across the region and nationally, the heavy workload is being blamed on the shortage of midwives.

Melanie Every, regional manager for the Royal College of Midwives, said: "How can we expect midwives to cope when their workload is racing ahead of staff numbers?

"They are struggling to provide the level of care promised by the Government and the birth rate is set to carry on increasing."

Four in court charged with tickets scam

FOUR railway ticket inspectors accused of making a £15,000 profit in a sales con at stations between Liverpool Street and Stansted have appeared in court.

Alan Selby (48), Leanne Selby (22), Vincenzo Cicerello (44) – all from Waltham Cross – and Paul Huckle (57), from Hoddesdon are accused of pocketing the proceeds of tickets they sold to passengers.

They are also accused of using false credit cards.

All four were remanded on unconditional bail by Judge Anthony Pitts at Southwark Crown Court on Friday.

Their trial is scheduled to start in June next year June and is expected to last three weeks.

Christmas Treats

Pick up some Christmas treats at the Harvey Centre, Harlow. There's over 70 stores including high street favourites, Primark, Marks & Spencer, Argos, H Samuel and Thorntons and a range of unique independent stores filled with fashion, gifts and jewellery including E.C. Eversden, Dynasty and Treasure Chest. You'll find everything you need for an extra special Christmas.

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Start Date: Weds 23 January 2008
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Start Date: Weds 9 January 2008
Code: 7730302/0/CP32
Full Fee: £233 Reduced Fee: £129

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Low cancer spend is 'not affecting care'

CANCER patients in Harlow and the rest of west Essex receive one of the lowest rates of spending in England.

The average sufferer in the region has a total of £6,494 allotted for life-saving drugs and treatment each year – about one-third of what is allocated to sufferers in Nottingham.

The findings, which are compiled in a Government report, rated West Essex PCT

By **LOUISE SASSOON**
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the 17th worst in the country for annual spending on cancer patients. The best is Nottingham, which allocates £17,028 each.

But West Essex PCT health chiefs say people should not be concerned about the findings, adding that all cancer patients receive the correct care.

Strategic commissioning director Kirsty

Boettcher said: "We would like to reassure local people that the PCT ensures anyone with cancer receives the appropriate service in the appropriate cancer centre.

"Spend comparisons across the country, such as this one, may not reflect the differences in local populations which effect disease rates. We have well-established clinical pathways which ensure safe treatment of patients throughout their care. We meet all national waiting times targets with respect to cancer, including the two week fast-track for patients whom the GPs are

worried may have cancer."

A spokesman for Hastingwood's St Clare Hospice, part-funded by the PCT, said it is unaware of any disparity regarding funding.

"West Essex PCT is very supportive of St Clare Hospice, contributing around 30 per cent of our huge £1.8m per year costs," he added. "This contribution is above the national average. However, we do need the support and donations of our local people to continue the level of care that we provide for cancer, neurological disease and organ failure patients."

Charity shop hit by lead thieves

GOODS donated to an Epping charity shop were ruined when the stockroom flooded after lead from the store's roof was stolen.

Staff at the St Clare Hospice shop, in High Street, disturbed the intruder at work and alerted police.

They later arrested a man in connection with the incident but not before rainwater had seeped through the damaged roof and flooded part of the shop.

Retail manager Louise Hamilton said: "This is an appalling act of crime and vandalism that has increased the staff and volunteers' workload as we begin to repair the damage and replace the stolen materials."

Breast unit's major milestone



MARK OF CARE: Pictured at the unveiling are director of screening Dr Anders Cernevall and Eleanor Laing

(photo: D9BW9BKC/03)

TWO decades of care by the Epping Forest Breast Unit was celebrated on Tuesday when MP Eleanor Laing visited St Margaret's Hospital to unveil a commemorative plaque.

The event, organised by staff from The Princess

Alexandra Hospital, celebrated the care and treatment the unit offers people who are suffering from breast cancer.

Afterwards, Mrs Laing said: "I was delighted, having unveiled the 10th anniversary plaque 10 years

ago, to have unveiled the second plaque to celebrate 20 successful years.

"The work of the unit is very valuable, not just on its clinical outcomes but in the moral support that the people who work there give to the patients."



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Stun gun found in bedroom

A MAN has been placed on probation for 18 months after admitting possessing a stun gun and drugs.

Matthew Seymour (21), of High Street, Roydon, pleaded guilty at Chelmsford Crown Court on Monday to possessing cannabis, three ecstasy pills and a prohibited weapon.

But he escaped a jail sentence after Judge Christopher Ball told him: "I've been impressed by the honesty you have shown and your frankness with the probation service"

The court heard Seymour had been found with the drugs when a car he was in was stopped by police in Maddox Road, Harlow in December.

Seymour's home was searched and three ecstasy tablets were found under a mattress and a stun gun was found in his bedroom.

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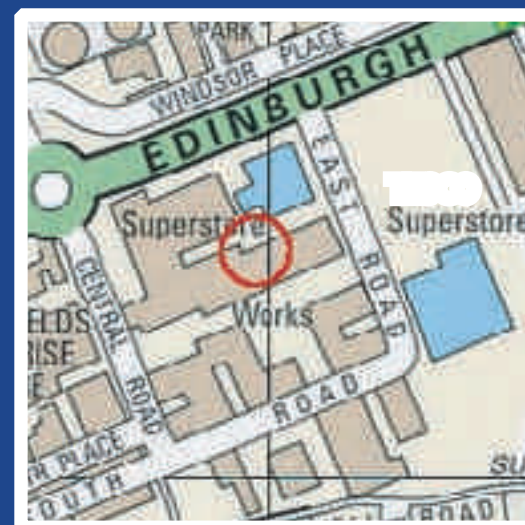
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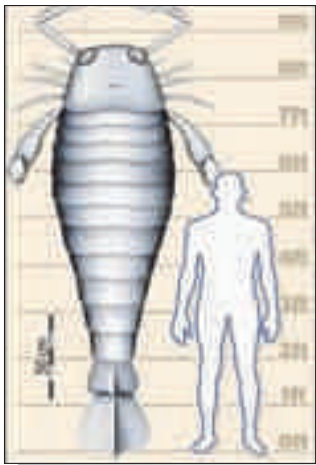
The fossilized remains of an enormous sea scorpion that stalked the oceans millions of years ago have been found by scientists in Germany.

The terrifying monster measured 2.5 metres in length – bigger than a person – and would have captured its dinner using massive, pincer-like claws measuring 46cm.

The creature, which has been given the Latin name Jaekelopterus rhenaniae, lived in seas and rivers between 255-460 million years ago.

Sea scorpions are believed to be the aquatic ancestors of today's land scorpions and possibly all arachnids – the class of animals that includes spiders.

It is the biggest beast of its type ever found and experts now believe the prehistoric ancestors of other creepy-crawlies like insects, spiders and crabs were much larger



millions of years ago.

Scientists aren't sure why some of these ancient beasts were so huge but some believe it may have been because they had more food to snack on or simply because higher levels of oxygen in the Earth's atmosphere helped them to grow bigger.

Rangers Fact File



NAME: Henry (member 828)
DATE OF BIRTH: December 1, 1999
ADDRESS: Burley Hill, Harlow
SCHOOL: Church Langley
HOBBIES: Hockey, football, skiing, Playstation
DISLIKES: Having his hair cut
FAVOURITE FOOD: Sausages

LEAST FAVOURITE FOOD: Broccoli
FAVOURITE BOOK: Horrid Henry
FAVOURITE TV: Ben-10
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Queen
FAMILY: Brother Toby (6) and sister Lydia (3)
WANTS TO BE: A daddy
 (photo: SRSVTB7D/01)

Happy Birthday

TODAY
NATHAN (member 520), of Church End, Harlow, is 11; **MATTHEW** (member 038), of Joyners Field, Harlow, is 10

FRIDAY
GEORGE (member 365), of Berecroft, Harlow, is 6

SATURDAY
HENRY (member 828), of Burley Hill, Harlow, is 8; **JASMINE** (member 547), of Copshall Close, Harlow, is 7

SUNDAY
LEANNE (member 223), of Stile Croft, Harlow, is 8

TUESDAY
MADDIE (member 705), of Brockles Mead, Harlow, is 8; **JAZMIN** (member 553), of West Road, Sawbridgeworth, is 6

WEDNESDAY
HOLLIE (member 60F), of Bynghams, Harlow, is 11.

New recruit

HAILIE-JADE (member 889), of Joyners Field, Harlow, enjoys ballet and playing with her Barbie dolls and pets.

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Bullying message is txt perfect



HARLOW COLLEGE: The anti-bullying message was ringing loud and clear at the Velizy Avenue college when students had designs for stamping it out.

Media students were asked to come up with a poster which would publicise national Anti-Bullying Week, marked last week.

Once the students had created their idea – based around a mobile phone to spread the word that bullying by text can be just as hurtful – the design

ZERO TOLERANCE: Showing off the poster are Lois Clark, *left*, and Georgia Lacey (photo: TDYMNRSW/05)

department turned it into a laminated poster to place around the campus.

A spokesman for the college said: “The college, even though it serves older students, is just as committed to getting the anti-bullying messaging across.”



(photo: FJ2MYQZY/04)

Evening to recognise the best

BURNT MILL: Tears and triumph, pride and prizes were all on display at the First Avenue school's presentation evening for its former Year 11 students.

The packed hall paid tribute to the academic achievements of last year's GCSE students who have gone onto further education.

The special guest was

international 800m runner and former pupil Andrew Osagie, who gave an inspirational speech.

The top award presented on the evening, the Headteacher's Award, went to Samantha Davy for her outstanding exam results.

A spokesman for the school said: “We threw down the

gauntlet last year for this year's group to succeed; it seems they rose to the challenge.

“What about the class of 2008? The inspiration was certainly there to make next year's event a night to look forward to.”

Pictured above are Lauren Ball, *left*, and Samie Melville-Taylor, who both achieved five A-C grades.

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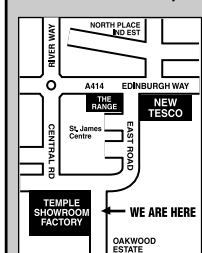


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Employers help to work it out

STEWARDS: A window into the world of work was given to Year 9 pupils on a special careers enlightenment day.

Employers and workers from many different vocations visited to talk about what they do for a living and how they got their jobs.

Among the contributors on the day were BAA Stansted, the biggest single-site employer in the east of England.

Assistant headteacher Marie Erwood said: “The school is ahead of the game, thanks to the hard work and dedication of the people who made this day possible.

“The day allowed our students to see the many opportunities available to them.”

Pictured, *above right*, is Valda Edmunds from BAA Stansted talking to pupils.



A law unto themselves

MARK HALL: Students from the First Avenue school were court up in the action during a visit to a Chelmsford university.

AimHigher pupils joined Anglia Ruskin University for the day last week to find out more about the law.

Students were split into groups to present arguments for and against a fictitious case. AimHigher co-ordinator Carolyn Goodman said: “Constructive and persuasive arguments were made from all angles and pupils were fluent and descriptive with their reasoning.

“The day also included a tour of the campus which gave pupils an insight into life at a university.”

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Man sent to jail for using fake passport

A MAN has been jailed after admitting using a bogus passport to obtain a driving licence.

James Brown (24), of Longbanks, Harlow, was sentenced to 15 months behind bars after pleading guilty at Chelmsford Crown Court on Friday to possessing a false document with intent to deceive.

Handing down the sentence, Judge Charles Gratwicke said: "The possession and, indeed, the use of a false document is an extremely serious offence. Passports are very important documents, particularly in these troubled times."

Carolyn Gardiner, prosecuting, said Brown went into a post office at Stone Cross, Harlow, on November 2 and handed the passport to staff so he could obtain a driving licence.

However, the police were called when the passport was examined and found to be a fake.

The court heard Brown bought the passport for £300 the week before from a man called Jonathon he met in a club. He wanted it because he believed it would help him get a job.

Paul Sharkey, in mitigation, said Brown came to the UK in 2003 and was initially granted temporary permission to stay but his application for asylum was subsequently rejected. When he tried to return to Liberia, entry was refused and he was flown back.

He said Brown had been relying on friends in the Liberian community to support him and his application for a carer's job earlier in the year had failed because he needed a driving licence.

Although he acknowledged it was a serious offence, Mr Sharkey pointed out Brown had misused the passport "in order to support himself and not rely on others."

Awards mark projects in rude health



TWO Harlow health projects have scooped top accolades in regional awards for excellence and innovation in mental health services.

First prize in the North Essex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust's Positive Practice Awards went to a clinical monitoring group which supports under-65s suffering from dementia.

Comprised of health and social care professionals from community mental health teams at the Derwent Centre and Latton Bush, the group is the first to cater for younger people with dementia in north Essex.

Brenda Hunter, manager of the older adults' community health team at the Derwent Centre, said: "We are thrilled to be awarded first prize. We are very focused on knowing who is doing what and for whom so we can put the appropriate care in place at the time it is needed."

Third prize in the awards went to an anxiety and stress workshop at the community mental health centre at Latton Bush.

The two-day workshop includes sessions led by occupational therapists, a psychiatrist and a psychologist, covering topics including the causes of anxiety, the benefits of exercise and relaxation techniques.

Claire Nicholls, a day service occupational therapist at Latton Bush, said: "We are delighted to receive this award. The workshop helps participants to learn new skills and coping strategies to manage their stress and anxiety at a critical point in their lives."

Drivers caught using mobiles in crackdown

A POLICE crackdown on illegal cell phone use by drivers in Epping snared six people as traffic officers sought to tackle the mobile menace.

The operation saw a multi-agency approach to target traffic offenders, with members of the Vehicle and Operator Service Agency and Essex County Council road safety officers joining police on the roads.

The team also handed out 29 tickets for drivers and passengers failing to wear seatbelts, served prohibition notices on six vehicles with defects affecting their roadworthiness and reported one driver for court proceedings for driving with trade plates.

Commenting on last Tuesday's clampdown, traffic inspector Stephen Pearce said: "It is disappointing to see so many people break the law and put themselves and others in danger."



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Possibly this year's 'must have' gadget is the Freeview PVR. Why should Sky viewers with their Sky+ boxes have all the fun? You can enjoy all the joys of a twin tuner (record two things at once) personal video recorder unit. There are many on the market and more being launched week by week, but take advice when you buy - some are much better than others! Top names include the Topfield Freeview PVR and the Humax 9200-T. Expect to pay around £250.

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Popular last Christmas, but still going strong this year, are MP3 players. Apple is still the market leader, with a range of different players at various costs, but there are many different models and brands to choose from to suit all pockets.

GPS navigation is life-changing for errant map readers! It is now much more affordable than just a year or two ago and entry level systems can be acquired for much less than £200 and a top of the range system for around £500.

Digital Audio Broadcasting is growing in popularity and there are a variety of devices available to buy this Christmas. Depending on where you live, reception can still be a little haphazard, but again, there are a number of different radios available to suit all budgets.

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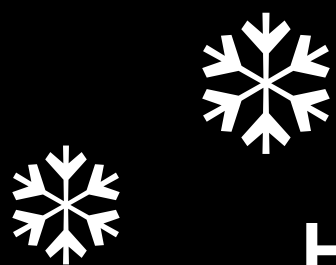
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Family Announcements

Deaths

MAURICE AHERNE

Suddenly, but peacefully at home on 26th November 2007, aged 84 years. The beloved husband of Doreen, a dear dad to Brian and David, and a wonderful and loving Grandad. He will be sadly missed by all his family and many friends. R.I.P. Maurice will be received into Our Lady of Fatima R.C. Church, on Thursday 29th November 2007 at 7.00 pm. His Requiem Mass will be held on Friday 30th November 2007, at 10.30 a.m. followed by cremation at Parndon Wood Crematorium. All enquiries please to the Funeral Directors, Masterson Funeral Home, Station Road, Old Harlow, Essex CM17 0AS. Tel: 01279 626238. "Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam"

MAURICE AHERNE

4/6/23 — 26/11/07
Dad, we will miss you dearly.
Forever in our thoughts.
All our love David and Wendy
XXXX

CLINT BERRY

Passed away suddenly, 23rd November 2007 aged 39. Loving partner of Becky. Funeral to be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium, Monday 3rd December at 3pm. Flowers and donations to Daniel Robinson. Harlow. Tel: 01279 426990.

MAUREEN TOMPSON

Passed away peacefully on Tuesday 27th November 2007. Maureen will be greatly missed by all her loving family and many friends. Funeral service will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium Chapel on Monday 3rd December 2007 at 2.00pm. Flowers or donations made payable to 'St Clare Hospice Trust' or 'Cancer Research UK' may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow. Tel: 01279 426990.

MAURICE AHERNE

4/6/23 - 26/11/07
Grandad, will always love and miss you.
Love Sarah, Sean, Glenn and Kelly
XXXX

DORIS GOODCHILD

Peacefully passed away on Monday 26th November 2007, aged 78 years. Sadly missed by her loving Husband Bill. The dearly loved Mum of Melvyn, Janet and Linda, she was a much loved Nan and Great Grandma. The funeral service is to take place on Wednesday 5th December at Parndon Wood Crematorium, Harlow at 3.30pm.

AHERNE. — Maurice. Special Brother-in-law. Lovely lovely man. Will miss you. Moira, Brendan, Paul, Marian and families.

In Memoriam

CHESTERTON. — Tiffany. Thinking of you as always another year on. From Daddy, Nanny Janice, Jenny, Darren.

DAPHNE MAY CUMBERLIN

January 29th 1924 — November 29th 2006
A bouquet of beautiful memories sprayed with a million tears
Wishing God could have spared you if just for a few more years
With love to a very special Mum and Nana from Steve, Mick, Lucy and Owen

DAPHNE MAY CUMBERLIN

Bright Eyes - I hold a host of memories daily.
The only thing that matters did come true, in this life I was loved by you.
Always yours,
Harold

DING. — George. Died November 26 1979. Time passes, memories stay. Loved and remembered everyday. Love and God bless. Beryl, Monica and Bert. xx

EVES. — John. Father, I always say best part of the day every night before I go to bed. You are the best father in the world. I love and miss you. From your Baby, Puss Cat, Sarah Eves.

In Memoriam

JOHN EVES

1st December, it's been a year mate, my birthday the day you were taken away from me and our girls, when you died in my arms I tried to give you the kiss of life but what you gave me was your last dying breath.
You always said the only way you would ever leave me was feet first and mate, it was only when they walked your coffin out the door I understood what you meant, but I know in my old heart you would never have left me in so much pain, if there was anything you could have done to stay with me. Whatever wicked things they did to us and the lies they said they can't frighten you any more. We know the truth, but then mate so do their consciences and they have to live with them.
I may no longer have you in my world to love Johnny Eves, and what a lonely world I live in now. You will always be the love of my life and my best mate.
Heartache is my best friend that never leaves me now, I have your heart John Eves I carry it in my heart every day.
I love you my old darling. From your forever, ever, ever loving mate,
your wife Prissy Jones

EVES. — John. I'm missing you so much, wish you were here making our sandwich after school. Mum's don't seem the same. I love you dad. Emma Eves. xxx

HOY. — Tracey. 1 December. One more year has passed, it still hurts the same. Love and miss you, Annette, Kevin and family.

HOY. — Tracey (nee Hughes). 10th Anniversary. It only seems like yesterday, when a heart of gold stopped beating and we could not do a thing. It's hard to put on paper, how much you're loved and missed every single day. Love Mandie and Mark. x

HOY. — Tracey (nee Hughes). 1st December. We think about you often and talk about you too. We have lots of treasured memories but wish we still had you. Love Debbie, Deeky and Ellis. xx

FAMILY NOTICES

Births, Marriages, Deaths, etc.

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In memory of RONALD WILLIAM LAMB

Who died in Princess Alexandra Hospital on 7th November 2007 aged 77 years.

Husband to Winifred Clarkson Lamb and Father to Joan Careford and Christine Archard.

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SHIRLEY JOANNE TRUEMAN (nee MEIER)

26/11/1966 to 16/08/2007
Thinking of you on this, your Birthday.
Forever in our thoughts and hearts.
So sadly missed.
Loved and cherished always, darling.
Love Mum and Dad xxxxx

VICTORIA WAIGHT

July 13th 1923 - Nov 28th 2005
2 years have passed since you left us. We miss you every day. Always in our hearts. Von, Cliff, David and Grandchildren. xxx.

KIM JONES

(Nee Bamber) 3rd Dec 1999
Treasured memories of our precious Kim, a very dear daughter, mum and sister. Forever in our hearts, always in our thoughts. Loved and missed so very much. From Mum, Kerry, Alfie, Dean and family. xxx.

LE-ROUGE. — Grace Louise. Loving and happy memories of a dear Mum and Nan, taken suddenly November 30th 1994. Loved and remembered always. Coral, Ray, Barry and Gavin.

TABERER. — Ivy Mary. 1.12.10 - 1.12.89. A date that's full of sadness, has returned to us once more. To mark the day you left us, yet still we miss you more. Helen, Jackie and Stuart. xxx

TABERER. — Ivy Mary. Remembering you always, with love Bill. xx

MARGERY BLATCH

Mr Blatch and family wish to thank everyone for their kind wishes, flowers, donations on the death of wife Margery. Also thanks to staff at Princess Alexandra Hospital for their kindness and care and staff at Daniel Robinsons

DIANE DONOVAN

Michael, Nicola, Martin, Joshua and Ian would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours who attended the celebration of Diane's life and for all the wonderful flowers and donations made in her memory. She would have been overwhelmed by the affection shown for her.

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1st Birthday

PERRIN. — To our darling grandson Joshua. Happy 1st Birthday. Loads of love, Nanny and Grandad. xxx

PERRIN. — Happy 1st Birthday Joshua. Lots and lots of love, Auntie Cara, Uncle Stuart and Uncle Gary. xxx

21st Birthday



JENNY GLADDEN

Congratulations on your 21st Birthday. Lots of love Mum, Dad, Michael, David, Stacey and Dave

50th Birthday



MICK CARTER

Happy birthday for yesterday 28th. Lots of love Kim, Wes and Warren xxx

80th Birthday

80th BIRTHDAY

BERNARD MARCH

To a very special Dad, Grandad. Love Pauline, Tony, Craig, Sarah, Lisa, Daemon, Mark, Phillip and greatgrandchildren

60th Birthday

60th BIRTHDAY

TREVOR BAALHAM

Happy 60th Birthday, 1st December. Lots of love Linda, Simon, Carol, Paul, Sarah, Cara and Luke

Birth Congratulations

IT'S A GIRL

PENNA : PAULDING

Congratulations Thea and Mark on the birth of your beautiful baby girl, Lila Pearl, born 21.11.2007 in Whitechapel. With lots of love from Mum and Dad/Jean and Geoff xxx

16th Birthday

16th BIRTHDAY

BEN EVANS

Happy 16th Birthday for Monday 3rd December
Love and Hugs
Mum, Dad, Luke, Charlie and Girls xx

30th Birthday



CLAIR FRANKSON

Happy 30th Birthday! 28th November. All our love Mum, Dad, Corinne, Michael, Airon, Nan xxx

18th Birthday



RICHARD ADLINGTON

Happy 18th December 4th
Love from Nan and Grandad

30th BIRTHDAY

CLAIR FRANKSON

Happy 30th Birthday Clair! Can't wait to be in our new home. Love from Ant xx

LOOK WHO'S JOINED THE SWINGING 60s CLUB

BILLY IVORY

Love Pat, Kerry, Thomas, Brett, Nicola and grandchildren Kelsey, Rhyanna and Frazer



GRANDAD 'H'

Happy 60th Birthday. Lots of love Georgia, Kyla, Ryan and Sasha xxxx

Exam Honours

MCKAY. — Lauren. Congratulations on your Graduation. Well done. We are very proud of you, enjoy your day on Saturday. Love from Nan, Grandad, Karen, Chloe, Harriet and Max. xxx

Golden Wedding

Golden Wedding

JOYCE and KEN FRASER

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary, November 30th. Love Jackie, Denise, Kevin, John, James, Daniel and Joe

Marriage Congratulations



WILLIAMSON : THURTL

Congratulations Claire and Jason on your Wedding Day, 1st December 2007. Have a lovely day. Love from Mum, Dad, Tasha, Mike, Jade, Dillon and Connor xx



LOOK WHO'S 30 DANIEL ALEY

2-12-07 Happy Birthday Danny. We love you always. Nan, Diane, Mum, Dad, Tony and Michelle xxx

ALEY. — Daniel. Darling Dan, Happy 30th Birthday, 2nd Dec 2007. Our love always, Trish, Tony, Pete, Arf and all your cousins. xxxx



LOOK WHO'S 18 HAPPY BIRTHDAY AARON

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Pictured with Dr Al-Sam, front, are, left to right, Lawrence Howard, Chris Cook, Stuart Thompson and Jo Ramagge.



Drink binge knifeman's rampage in town hotel

A DRUNKEN Sudanese asylum-seeker who went berserk and threatened to kill an Old Harlow hotel worker with a knife has been sentenced to a year in a young offenders institute.

Jocker Idris (18), of Hart Road, Harlow, pleaded guilty to a charge of affray after Chelmsford Crown Court heard how he threw a knife at Naveed Latif following a drinking binge.

Prosecuting, David Pickersgill said the incident took place on July 8 outside the defendant's rented bungalow, next to the Oasis Hotel, in Hart Road, where the victim was working.

Mr Latif was approached by a concerned neighbour of Idris, who told him the defendant had collapsed in his room. When he checked, he found Idris lying on the floor and went to the hotel to call an ambulance.

When he returned, he noticed Idris had

returned to his own room and there was bedding on fire outside the bungalow.

After a fire crew had arrived and put out the blaze, the defendant stormed out, pulled a knife from his waistband and shouted at Mr Latif: "I will kill you!"

Idris raised the weapon and Mr Latif fled. As he was running away he was chased by the defendant who threw the knife at him. Mr Latif felt it fly past his head.

When police later found Idris at the address he was still acting aggressively, hacking at walls with a knife and forcing officers to use CS spray to subdue him.

Jane Gow, representing Idris, said in mitigation he had drunk an entire bottle of vodka and remembered little or nothing of incident, claiming his behaviour was out of character.

Judge Anthony Goldstaub, passing sentence last Wednesday, told Idris: "You created a major disturbance because you were violently drunk. You went berserk, causing fear to other persons including police and ambulance staff."

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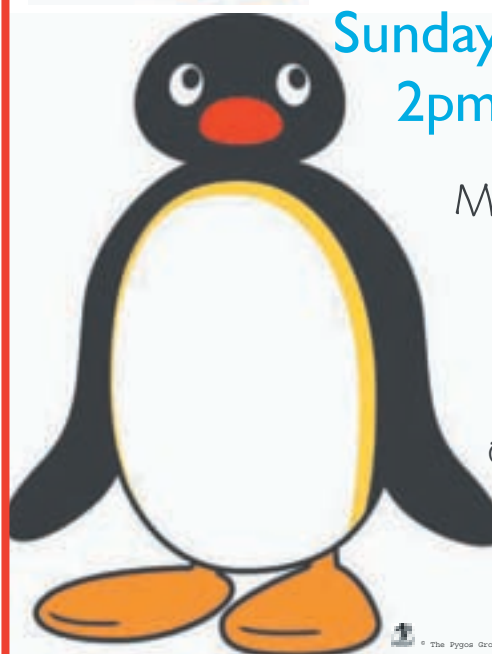
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THE developer transforming the fire-gutted shell of a Georgian manor in Old Harlow into new properties is inviting potential buyers to show an interest.

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Susan takes her energy to Essex

By CHRIS MOSS

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THE entrepreneurial spirit is in safe hands thanks to a businesswoman's latest venture into the world of mobile holistic healing.

Serenity Energy, run by Susan Critchley, offers clients the option of combining varied massage therapies with energy-balancing, reiki and even spiritual healing, delivered to them anywhere in Essex.

With each course tailored to her customer's specific needs, Mrs Critchley aims to provide a truly bespoke and holistic approach to alternative therapy.

Although stigmatised by many and often met with a degree of scepticism, she believes that spiritual healing techniques, reiki and the use of crystals can genuinely assist in the treatment for a wide range of symptoms – including anxiety, grief, stress, headaches, PMS, sciatica, back problems, sinusitis, depression and even cancer.

"People are often quite sceptical of the spiritual and psychic aspects of the therapies I offer," she said. "But I think the tide of public opinion is starting to turn in my favour, with medical research beginning to shed some light on the potential benefits of these complementary treatments."

"Many of my clients who initially came to me for massage only have become interested in the other aspects of my work and have benefited from combining different therapies."

But her work does not end with one-on-one sessions – she has also tirelessly branched



SOOTHING TOUCH: Holistic healer Susan Critchley puts her skills to good use on client Yvette Wolff (photo: TWGSKHNP/07)

out into offering private pamper parties, corporate events focusing on work-related stress and even informal psychic evenings at which she teaches participants how to harness their own inherent psychic abilities. "I have been intuitive from a very early age but only got into the world of alternative therapy a few years ago," added Mrs

Critchley, of Sheering Mill Lane, Sawbridgeworth.

"I've trained hard to gain expertise and qualifications in every aspect of my work, and now even offer some of my therapies at Whipps Cross Hospital (in Walthamstow), working closely with Epping Forest Council."

Firm's big goal as it sponsors football team

A MAJOR housing developer in Harlow has kicked off the latest phase of its new project by sponsoring a local youth football team.

Newhall Projects, the firm behind the Newhall development near Old Harlow, is now the proud sponsor of Mark Hall Football Club, providing it with a smart new kit and building sports pitches near Mark Hall School.

The three new pitches – one for rugby and two for football – will be used by youngsters aged 7-15 playing for the club to brush up on their ball skills and also by pupils at the nearby school.

The move marks the release of a varied range of contemporary homes as part of the North Chase phase of the development – a ball-kick away from the new playing fields.

Matthew Byatt, head of sales and marketing at Newhall, said: "One of the key aims of Newhall is enhancing the local community in any way we can. We're very pleased to be able to provide the new pitches and the sports kit. We have a very good relationship with the school and the local football club and support their aims to be a centre of excellence in sports education."

For details, log on to www.northchase.co.uk or www.newhallproject.com.

Funeral home

IN last week's report about a memorial service, the name of the funeral firm organising the occasion should have read Masterson Funeral Home. We apologise for the error.

Sawbridgeworth's net gain for trade



(photo: PL2TL9RZ/01)

A NEW website for Sawbridgeworth has been launched into cyberspace.

Businesses representatives joined shoppers at Budgens supermarket, in London Road, to see the homepage of www.sawbridgeworthonline.com displayed via a projector, pictured above.

The site is the latest initiative from the Sawbridgeworth Town Partnership to boost the vibrancy and economy of the town.

It is the first of its kind in East Hertfordshire to compile an index of businesses, community news and events, and features a

unique moving pictorial scroll of local shop fronts and businesses linked to contact details for each.

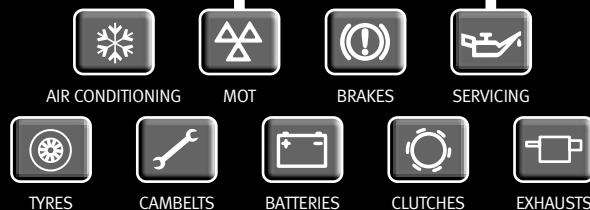
Partnership spokesman Joseph Fitzgerald said: "When Sawbridgeworth Town Partnership was set up earlier this year, one of the very first things discussed was the requirement for a website, not only representing the partnership but also local businesses in the town."

● A SPECIAL Christmas Sawbridgeworth Farmers' Market will take place in the Bell Street car park from 9.30am-1.30pm on December 1.

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Residents urged to support town recycling efforts

LETTERS are being sent to every resident failing to recycle in Harlow in the council's latest push to divert rubbish from landfill sites.

It is hoped the initiative will improve recycling rates in the district, currently among the worst in Essex.

The move follows kerbside checks during the summer to identify those homes which left no recycling for collection and will remind residents of the recycling services the council offers.

Environment and community committee chairwoman Eleanor Macy said: "We want residents to understand that this information will help us ensure recycling targets are met and that household waste is reduced, reused or recycled rather than sent to landfill in black bags."

Council housing repairs initiative

VOLUNTEERS could soon be inspecting council house repairs to check the work is acceptable.

The new project by Harlow Council is seeking tenants and leaseholders to work alongside inspectors. The group of 10 will serve for three years and each receive an annual £50 voucher.

For details, call the housing team on (01279) 446319.

Day centre protests halt demolition plan



(photo: ZXZLGNX /05)

RESIDENTS in Old Harlow have secured a reprieve for a day centre for the elderly after Harlow Council shelved plans for its demolition as part of a £10m regeneration project.

The Aneurin Bevan Centre, in Garden Terrace Road, is to remain open after a consultation orchestrated by the council in partnership with Harlow Renaissance illustrated the strength of public opinion against the proposals.

The entire centre was originally earmarked for demolition, but now only a seldom-used wing of the building will be knocked down to clear the way for an access road into a new housing development in Faircroft and Little Brays.

The authority had planned to move the activities currently run at the centre, such as bingo and art and craft workshops, to St John's Art and Recreation Centre, off Market Street.

But its proposal that was met with stiff opposition from the centre's elderly users who feared they would have difficulty getting

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to the new venue.

Harlow Civic Society chairman Stan Newens, who officially opened the centre in 1977 when he was MP for Harlow, said he was delighted at the news.

"I raised this issue a number of times at various consultation meetings with the council and I am delighted that good sense has prevailed," he said.

"The idea that you regenerate an area by first demolishing a centre performing a vital function in that community is absolute madness."

Renaissance chief executive Andrew Bramidge told the *Star*: "This change of plan was made in direct response to the consultation process between ourselves, Harlow Council and the residents of Old Harlow."

"It became clear through this process that those living in the area did not want the centre to go."

"We have now reached a sensible compromise where its users are happy and regeneration plans are not compromised."

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JIM TANFIELD

3-D wizardry puts you in the picture

SINCE the birth of cinema, filmmakers have been trying to perfect three-dimensional techniques to amaze – and the most perfect realisation of that ambition to date can now be seen in Harlow.

You'll be ducking dragon fire, wincing as razor-sharp arrows fly at your face and left breathless by a siren in her underground lake.

These are some of the Anglo-Saxon ingredients of *Beowulf 3-D*, currently showing at Cineworld, Edinburgh Way.

Due to the cinema's rare digital screen, it's the only one for many miles around showing director Robert Zemeckis' fantasy as it deserves to be seen.

Three-dimensional technology hasn't changed much since it was first dreamt up at the end of the 19th century.

One image is filmed by two cameras, the results placed over each other and viewed through spectacles which converge the image – the only difference today is that the goofy green and red specs are now shades and the need for two cameras has been eclipsed by computer technology.

So is all the hype justified?

Armed with popcorn, memories of the camp and lacklustre

Jaws 3-D as the last thing I had seen at the cinema in "terrifying reality", a pair of specs and accompanied by cineast *Star* deputy editor and DVD reviewer Paul Newman, I took my seat.

The story of *Beowulf* comes from the oldest epic poem believed to have been written, dating from the eighth century and penned in Old English by an unknown.

The film is remarkably rendered in computer-generated animation translated from the motion-captured performances of real actors such as local boy Ray Winstone, Anthony Hopkins, Angelina Jolie and John Malkovich, a technique last seen in Zemeckis' remarkable *The Polar Express*.

A village is being terrorised by the monstrous troll Grendel (Crispin Glover) and King Hrothgar (Hopkins) seeks help, which arrives in the heroic form of Beowulf (Winstone), looking remarkably like Sean Bean with a strange vocal idiosyncrasy – "I will kill your monshataah".

He wrestles the hideous creature to death which

You'll be ducking dragon fire, wincing as razor sharp arrows fly at your face



IN YOUR FACE: Above, *Star* journalists Jim Tanfield and Paul Newman cower from, left, the fearsome Grendel

ravaged my a mighty dragon.

Forget the flaky script, seemingly written not by a hand in the first millennium but rather by Sid James and Jim Davidson – the lengths gone to in covering up Beowulf's modesty during his nude fight with Grendel was straight out of an Austin Powers gag – no, this film is all about the action.

Rain, fire embers and snow all seemed to come straight through the screen with such a strong visual impact that it was at times quite literally

brehtaking; the fight sequences too were awesome, some of the most exhilarating seen.

During one moment a body flew through the air towards a spike which loomed at us, causing the audience to jump up wincing in anticipation and protectively grab their behinds before collapsing into fits of laughter.

We are indeed lucky to be offered this on our doorstep and it is an opportunity I implore you to take.

It's not for the very young, but seeing people of all ages laughing like drains after trying to parry a flying virtual arrow is priceless.

● *Beowulf 3-D* is rated 12A and screening times are listed on page 29.

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With ex Spandau Ballet lead singer Tony Hadley, both performing some of his hits and presenting the trophies, the black tie gala dinner was a glitzy affair. It soon became even more enjoyable for the two local photographers, as first David and then Gary were announced as the winners of their respective competitions!

The good news for the area didn't stop there, as the clients whose images won each received £1000! The competition helped raise money for the PACE charity. Therefore ex Radio One DJ Dave Lee Travis, himself a keen photographer and chief fundraiser for PACE, agreed to present Mrs Webb and Mrs Patel with their cheques.

A measure of their achievement is that it is believed to be the first time that one studio has picked up both of the Kodak Portrait Awards in the same year, reaffirming David P MacDonald Photography's status as one of the country's premier portrait studios.



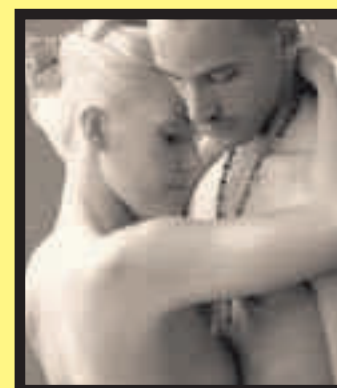
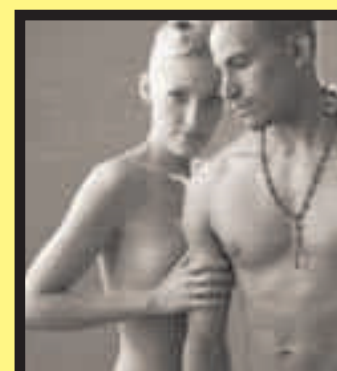
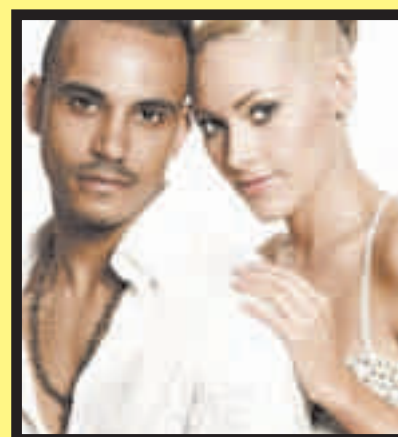
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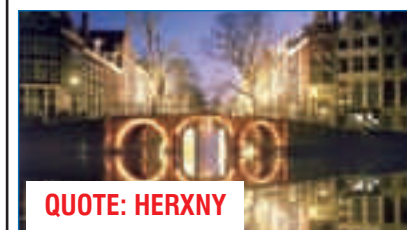
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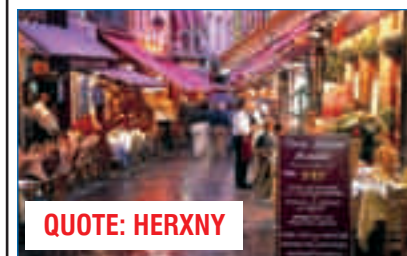
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the guide



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Santa's shiftless
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arts diary

CULTURE. Burnt Mill Performing Arts College presents *The Burnt Mill MOBOS* at The Playhouse tonight (Thursday) at 8pm, a celebration of black popular culture serving up a feast of dance, drama and music.

MUSIC: The world-renowned London International Orchestra will be performing a concert of at St Paul's Church, in Playhouse Square, on Saturday at 7.30pm. All proceeds will go towards the Harlow Homeless Centre. The conductor for the evening is Toby Purser and there will be a Viennese reception of chocolate and wine. Tickets cost £15 from (01279) 430011.

EXHIBITION: Prints by the Brazilian artist Ana Maria Pacheco featuring historical fables go on display in a free exhibition at the Gibberd Gallery, in Harlow's Civic Centre, from Saturday until January 5.

MUSIC: Silent movies and jazz are brought together by the John Petters Quartet tonight (Thursday) at St John's ARC, off Market Street, Old Harlow. Tickets cost £10 from (01279) 442447 and the show starts at 8pm.

POETRY: The life of poetic dramatist Christopher Fry is being performed in a work of readings and song by poetry group Speakeasy, at St John's ARC, tomorrow (Friday) at 8pm. Tickets are £9 (£7 concs) from (01279) 442447.

MUSIC: Classic 1960s pop group The Searchers are at The Playhouse tomorrow (Friday) at 8pm. *Sweets For My Sweet* and *Needles And Pins* are just two of the hits which helped the band sell more than 30 million records. Tickets are £15 from (01279) 431945.

MUSIC: A rhapsody of rock can be heard on Saturday at The Playhouse when Queen tribute act Ga Ga takes to the stage. Tickets cost £14 on (01279) 431945 and the show starts at 8pm.

Moving tribute to the spirit of Johnny Wong

HARLOW Theatre Company lined up a host of talented performers for this fitting tribute to former member and theatre enthusiast **Johnny Wong**, who died tragically earlier this year in a car accident.

REVIEW

A CONCERT FOR JOHNNY WONG

Harlow Theatre Company, Victoria Hall Theatre, Old Harlow

Johnny lives on in the inspiration he gave to so many – and more than 100 of those

people sang, played and entertained their way through an evening devoted to his memory.

Especially impressive was the large contingent from youth theatre group CATS, with whom he often performed.

Fine Fine Line, *Fields Of Gold* and *Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again* were sung with poignant sensitivity by Sarah Bedwell, Kate Millner and Caroline Parker, and Richard Clark's piano medley and Phil Lawrence's moving delivery of Johnny's favourite, *February Song*, evoked everyone's sense of loss.

Further memories were brought startlingly to life through video interludes showing him acting, cooking and clowning around; often, with childlike joy, doing all three simultaneously.

Whether as finalist on TV's *Masterchef*, a generous host or a stage performer, his zest for life was total and the evening, far from being a sombre affair, was a celebration of his infectious sense of fun.

This was demonstrated at its best in an hilarious scene from *Life Of Brian*, delivered to perfection by members of CATS, Victoria Wood's *Shoe Shop Sketch* with Caroline Petherbridge, Jane Prangnell and Phil Lawrence as well as the numbers from *The Sound of Music* and *Sister Act* which ended the evening.

This was a truly talented company, a highly entertaining evening and a most moving tribute to its star Johnny Wong.

Laurence Sach



Persuasive history of abolitionist

A DECADE-long labour of love for a local historian was realised with the launch of a book about a Harlow icon.

Hazel Lake, *above right*, and co-author Jenny Handley, *above left*, launched *Progress of Persuasion: The Life of William Smith* on

Saturday.

Smith, an MP of Norwich and a central figure in the movement to abolish slavery, lived in the original Parndon Hall from 1785-1820.

The pair's privately published book also charts his work for the emancipation of dissenters via letters and

diary accounts.

"Another couple of really interesting facts about him are that he was Florence Nightingale's grandfather and bought Parndon Hall off a family of slave owners who ran a plantation in St Kitts," said Mrs Lake.

Mrs Lake, who lives in the new Parndon Hall, in

Heron's Wood, Harlow, added: "He worked closely with Wilberforce during the abolition of slavery; he moved away from Harlow when he lost all of his money, though."

The book, priced £15, is available from The Museum of Harlow or by calling (01279) 424909.

Now rat's panto entertainment

THE festive season wouldn't be complete without The Playhouse's thigh-slapping panto and this year sees the return of a firm favourite.

It's been five years since it was last staged but now *Dick Whittington* is back in a production which promises to be the best panto yet. Audiences will be cheering on our

hero Dick as he travels to London with his trusted friend Tom the cat to win the heart of Alice Fitzwarren and battle the evil King Rat?

Anyone who's been to a panto at the Playhouse will know what they're in store for – spectacular sets, great songs and side-splitting comedy.

This year's production is written and directed by Michael Fentiman and Marina Caldarone. "Dick Whittington has traditionally been one of the most popular pantomimes so we're very excited it's coming around again at The Playhouse," said Michael.

● TICKETS are on sale now from the box office on (01279) 431945.



From feckless waster to Santa's little helper

FRED CLAUS

certificate: PG
running time: 1h56m

WHAT if Santa Claus had a brother? And what if that brother had been forced to grow up in the sizeable shadow of his portly sibling, becoming a miserable, envious pen-pusher with a Scrooge-like distaste for the festive season?

Well, thanks to director David Dobkin (*Wedding Crashers*, *Shanghai Nights*), this year's obligatory seasonal flick addresses this burning question.

While Nicholas (Paul Giamatti) grows up to become, well, a saint, older brother Fred (Vince Vaughn) becomes the polar opposite: a wise-cracking repo man down on his luck and with mounting debts.

When Fred's shady dealings catch up with him and he's sent to prison, he begrudgingly turns to his brother for help who – being the model of giving and forgiveness of legend – obliges, but only on the condition that Fred relocates to the North Pole and earns the money he needs by working in Santa's Toy Shop.

Despite Mrs Claus's vehement objections to her benevolent husband's offer, the deal is agreed and Fred makes the journey North for a winter of work.

The problem is, he's not exactly cut out for toy-making and certainly isn't full of good cheer.

With Christmas fast-approaching and mysterious efficiency expert Clyde Northcut (Kevin Spacey) sent in to assess Santa's operations, Fred's lackadaisical approach to work soon starts to jeopardise the jolliest time of the year and threatens to bring his brother into disrepute.

As seasonal comic set-pieces go, it doesn't get much better than this interesting twist on the interminably tiresome Tim Allen vehicle *The Santa Clause* that has inexplicably monopolised Christmas box-office takings in recent years.

Fast-talking Vaughn is in his element as Santa's sordid sibling, while Dobkin's surprise casting of Giamatti in an unfamiliar St Nick role works brilliantly well – although he is perhaps under-used, despite some of the film's best moments resulting from the on-screen rivalry between the two polarised brothers.

All in all, this is fabulous family fun for the festive season – just don't expect your kids to gain any sort of moral wisdom about the true meaning of Christmas.



HO! HO! HO!

Paul Giamatti plays Father Christmas in FRED CLAUS (S)



Assassin finds he's the target

HITMAN

certificate: 18
running time: 1h40m

WHILE films based on video game franchises are almost inevitably hastily assembled cash-ins that bomb at the box office (the risible *Resident Evil* films being a prime example of such style over substance), *Hitman* is a game steeped in a palpable cinematic intensity that one would hope might buck this unfortunate trend.

Although it won't win any Oscars, this valiant effort is a surprisingly enjoyable, breathlessly fast-paced affair that proves console-to-cinema transfers need not be the poisoned chalice we've come to expect.

A cold-blooded assassin known only as Agent 47 (an aptly stoic Timothy Olyphant, pictured above) becomes ensnared in a political conspiracy and finds himself pursued by both Interpol and the Russian FSB (the futuristic successor of the KGB).

When one of his contract assassinations is sabotaged, 47 sets out to find out who set him up, encountering numerous other hitmen assigned to take him out along the way, Game Of Death-style.

While a clumsily introduced love interest (Nika Boronina) threatens to derail the frenetic action, director Xavier Gens sensibly scraps the idea of giving his callous anti-hero a heart and swiftly returns to the merciless killing.

A promising, open-ended start to what will almost certainly become a trilogy – let's just hope the production values and script on its inevitable follow-ups match the intensity of this debut.

sound check with Chris Moss

THE problem with gravel-voiced dirt-punk is that it can all too often sound like Joe Cocker fronting Chumbawumba – in other words, a bit of a mess.

But when your frontman sounds like Joe Strummer gargling tar and your band's tighter than Iggy Pop's trousers, it works rather well.

Enter The Culpits, a snarling, splenetic five-piece who've clearly bunked off aggression therapy to engage in a spot of good ol' fashioned riotous punk-rock instead.

Drawing from such diverse influences as Captain Beefheart, The Clash and Crazy Horse, their live shows have become the stuff of local legend and their discordant fuzz-rock is more than able to herniate your brain through your ears.



With their boldly proclaimed sole aim of "producing music that contains as much creative enthusiasm as it does confrontation", *Sound Check* humbly advises you to squeeze into your leathers, dip your hair in used motorbike oil and get down to Broxbourne Civic Hall tomorrow (Friday) at 7pm for an evening of angry rock 'n' roll catharsis.

Band: The Culpits
From: Harlow
Who they're: Mark (vocals), Gaz (lead guitar), Will (rhythm guitar), James (bass), Steve (drums)
Sounds like: The Stooges on adrenochrome with Joe Strummer at Don Van Vliet's magic sax palace
Website: www.theculprits.net & www.myspace.com/culprits

gig guide

TONIGHT

GPCA LINK, Parsloe Road, Harlow – Bonnie Diamond and Coe

CHEQUERS, Market Street, Old Harlow – Soul Crusaders

FRIDAY

SQUARE, Fourth Avenue, Harlow – Anti Kid, None The Less, Red Burns Black

MARIGOLDS, Cricket Club, Old Harlow – The Herts And Essex All-Stars

SATURDAY

SHARK, Hobtoe Road, Harlow – Repertoire Dogs

HEMNALL SOCIAL CLUB, Hemnall Street, Epping – Dave Paisley

BURNT MILL SNOOKER AND SOCIAL CLUB, Edinburgh Way, Harlow – Dynamite

TUESDAY

LION, Eastwick – The Favourite String Band

CD reviews by Ben Wilkinson, Jim

ELECT THE DEAD

Serj Tankian (album, Reprise)

This astonishing release, a first solo effort from the front man of System Of A Down, is a smorgasbord of flavours and technique, bone and blood, liquidised into a real metal thump with a poetic edge. The Armenian-American can quite happily blend metal and the avant garde, a bit like Limp Bizkit meets Sparks, if you can imagine such an insane hybrid. The songs are genuine pieces of work and not just lumps of sound with the odd break found in modern metal, and all-in-all this is an impressive listen, breathless and bloody in places.

LOVE MADE VISIBLE

The Delays (EP, Fiction)

Currently putting the finishing touches to their hotly anticipated 2008 comeback album *Everything's The Rush*, one hopes the reason for this EP is to get the chaff out the way of the wheat to come. The title track and *Panic Attacks* may be catchy and as harmony-laden as you'd expect but are entirely generic. *Slow Burn* is long and tedious, leaving *You See Colours* as the only half-decent – "half" being the operative word – track.

also showing

BEOWULF/BEOWULF 3-D. The Anglo-Saxon legend is bought to life by Robert Zemeckis' extraordinary motion-capture animation. The 3-D version will have popcorn flying all over the place as the eponymous heroic warrior (Ray Winstone) battles the hideous monster Grendel.

SHROOMS. Having been promised the 'trip' of a lifetime by their Irish friend and magic mushroom expert Jake, a group of American teenagers arrives in Ireland to sample the local fungi but things soon start to go gruesomely wrong when their hallucinations turn nasty.

AMERICAN GANGSTER. Russell Crowe's brow-beaten cop is on the heels of Denzel Washington's drug baron.

RATATOUILLE. Pixar strikes gold in this animation about a rat becoming the top chef.

SHREK THE THIRD. Hilarious animation in which the green ogre tries to find an alternative to himself taking the throne of the land of Far Far Away.

THE SIMPSONS. Homer unintentionally wreaks havoc on Springfield in the form of an environmental disaster and has to win back the love his friends.

NATIVITY STORY. A star is born.

previews

THE GOLDEN COMPASS. Masterful adaptation of the Carnegie Medal-winning novel by Philip Pullman, the first volume in the *His Dark Materials* trilogy. In a parallel universe, young Lyra Belacqua begins an odyssey spanning time and space that swiftly shifts from children's adventure into dark and complex philosophical epic.

MR MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM. Molly Mahoney (Natalie Portman) inherits the most peculiar toy store in the world from its eccentric 243-year-old owner Mr Magorium (Dustin Hoffman).

monday classic

DECEMBER BOYS. In 1960s Australia, friendships are tested and new alliances made as four orphans holiday by the sea and compete to become adopted by a local family.

Paul Newman reviews a selection of the latest releases on DVD

Deranged nun has very bad habits

KILLER NUN

(Shameless, 18, retail)

Something's clearly rotten in an opulent Italian convent hospital as a mysterious figure in a habit prowls the cloisters to sadistically torture and kill. The most obvious suspect is the increasingly unhinged Sister Gertrude, played with gimlet-eyed intensity by former Euro cinema sexpot Anita Ekberg some 28 years after her celebrated Trevi fountain splash in *La Dolce Vita*. Recovering from an operation to remove a brain tumour, Gertrude suffers crippling headaches and, dismissed as a psychosomatic by the institution's top doctor, has become secretly addicted to morphine. To make matters worse, she's partial to slipping out in mufti to score drugs in the city and indulge in casual rough sex with strangers she picks up in bars. Made in 1978 by Giulio Berruti, the mother superior of nunsploitation movies may be nowhere near as salacious, shocking or offensive as its reputation suggests, but in this uncut version (it was previously banned in the ludicrous hysteria surrounding 1984's Video Recordings Act) it works very well as an engaging sleazy oddity which imports elements of the Italian giallo thriller genre.

For a film of this nature, its Sapphic overtones are oddly muted (and mostly reduced to Gertrude's nubile cellmate provocatively parading around in the buff) and Berruti instead foregrounds a tone of sadism, rising from blackly comic (the suspect nun stamping on a patient's dentures during a tantrum) to the squeamishly gruelling (a scalpel and pins attack). Tent-poling the film is Ekberg's driven performance; she's long past her prime as a statuesque sex kitten here and hasn't aged too gracefully, but the mileage on her features and cold doll-like blue eyes only add to the crackling static of her presence as Gertrude suffers hallucinatory episodes, moral confusion and gibbering morphine withdrawal.

Finally, a high point is the killer acid-tinged score by Alessandro Alessandroni, recalling the gothic prog rock of Dario Argento soundtrack favourites Goblin and the perfect accompaniment to the mood of madness spiralling out of control.

Star rating: ★★★

A SUCCESSFUL MAN

(Network, PG, retail)

With a story spanning the fortunes of two brothers against the changing political backdrop of Cuba from 1932 to the revolution in 1959, Humberto Solás' quietly engrossing saga bears some comparison in theme and tone to Sergio Leone's masterful *Once Upon A Time In America*.

Born of a wealthy Havana family, Dario and Javier react in radically different ways to the climate of civil unrest around them.

Dario is being groomed to take over the editor's chair of a major newspaper but refuses to toe the political status quo and decamps to fight for the left in the Spanish Civil War. In his absence, opportunistic younger sibling Javier eventually trades in his feckless playboy ways to flirt with the anarchist movement and exploit its influence to bolster his rise to power in domestic politics.

Although the shifting tides of Cuban society are never far away, Solás prefers to focus on the personal and the price paid by those who cling to their morals ...



and those whose are for sale to the highest bidder. Star rating: ★★★★★

TORSO

(Shameless, 18, retail)

Given that he produced the acclaimed *Doctor Zhivago* eight years earlier, it's quite startling to find Carlo Ponti overseeing this silly horror thriller from 1973.

Anticipating the US stalk-and-slash boom of the early '80s, a serial nutter is running around Rome strangling sexy college girls (who all seem to be majoring in gratuitous topless cavorting). The only clue is that he wears an eye-scramblingly offensive necktie; not much to go on, given that fresh red herrings leer into view every couple of scenes.

American exchange student Jane (Derbyshire honey Suzy Kendall, who'd earlier starred in Argento's superior *The Bird With The Crystal Plumage*) and her chums figure this is the ideal time to weekend at a remote villa and – wouldn't you know it? – the pesky maniac decides to pack a hacksaw and few pointy things to trail after them.

Trash addicts will find much to amuse them here, from the appalling dire-logue and copious nudity to special effects that appear to stretch no further than splashing red gloss paint on pasty shop mannequins. On the plus side, Giancarlo Ferrando's cinematography is a joy to behold, giving *Torso* an arthouse class is really doesn't merit and adding buckets of atmosphere when the film finally finds its thriller groove in the last act.

Star rating: ★★

MODERN TOSS – SERIES 1

(4DVD, 18, retail)

The danger of slapping a clever-clever post-modern title such as *Modern Toss* on your cartoon sketch show is that it ought to be ironic and not serve as a

broadly accurate consumer warning as to the contents.

Created by former journalists Mick Bunnage and Jon Link, it features a carousel of regular characters in a combination of live action and deliberately crappy animation which, for the most part, misfire as the show attempts and fails to fuse the Mediaspeak-deflating sarcastic perception of Chris Morris with the format of *The Fast Show*.

It provokes a slightly amused grimace now and then, but once you've seen signwriter Mr Tourette fill another hoarding with random expletives or hyper-allergic nose-on-legs Sneezeman fail to negotiate another aspect of modern life, it gets as quickly tiresome as a four-year-old wandering around the house repeatedly shouting an obscenity they've overheard but don't understand.

Star rating: ★

EDMOND

(High Fliers, 18, retail & rental)

One to file in the 'Were they high on crack when they thought this was a good idea?' bin.

Stuart (*Re-Animator*) Gordon directs from David Mamet's contemptibly asinine script about a bored middle-aged New York exec (William H Macy) who walks out on his marriage, fails miserably to procure the services of a prostitute, taps into his inner racist to beat a pimp half to death, murders an attractive young waitress who implausibly takes him to bed and winds up in prison as the 'wife' of a huge black cellmate.

When it's not shamelessly thieving Bernard Hermann's magnificent *Taxi Driver* score or wasting a rash of celebrity cameos, it's just insultingly contrived racist claptrap and inept on every level.

Fully deserving of two in the head, just to make sure it stays down.

Star rating: ★

Tanfield and Chris Moss

OVER THE RAINBOW

Connie Talbot (album, Rainbow)

The little girl who "melted the hearts of a nation" on that rather trite and tasteless ITV talent show unleashes a ground-breaking debut of death metal and gangster rap. I'm lying, of course. Being six years old and barely 4ft tall, Connie should be playing with her toys but apparently was "born to sing and perform", hence this saccharine album just in time for Christmas. There's no doubt she's a sweet little girl with a nice voice, but surely there's something inherently wrong with thrusting a child into the limelight at such a young age?

FABRICLIVE 37

Caspa & Rusko (album, Fabric)

Fabric's uniformly brilliant series of mix releases ventures deep underground with an almighty set from two of the new guard of sub soldiers. Drawing inspiration from the relentless, sinister bass tension pioneered by the likes of Iration Steppas and Digital Mystikz, the deliciously dark dubstep is wrapped in obscenely deep low-end bass that shakes you to the core. We may just be witnessing the genuine birth of the future sound of London.

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9 PM	9.00 Have I Got News For You. Will Self and Chris Addison join guest host Clive Anderson for the satirical current affairs quiz. 1117 9.30 The Armstrong & Miller Show. Divorced Dad discusses why his ex-wife couldn't take their son on holiday. Sketch show, starring Alexander Armstrong. 10030	9.00 The Tudors. The court decides to consult with Rome before making a decision about Henry's divorce – and it's Cardinal Wolsey who bears the brunt of the king's anger. 361189 9.50 Coast. Miranda Krestovnikoff visits Anglesey to search for the arctic clam, one of the oldest creatures. 931585	9.00 I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here! Ant and Dec present the final of the celebrity challenge in the heart of the Australian rainforest. The three survivors put behind them thoughts of the gruelling daily tasks and dreaded Bushtucker Trials they have been through. Last in series. 9672	9.30 My Name Is Earl. Coerced into acting as a character witness at Joy's trial, Earl reluctantly realises he has no choice but to make the ultimate sacrifice and forego his own freedom in a last-ditch bid to save her. Last in series, starring Jason Lee and Jaime Pressly. 397585	9.00 NCIS. Gibbs crosses swords with an old adversary who has re-emerged with a plan to assassinate the president, and taken Kate hostage in a bid to ensure success. The FBI manage to foil his murderous attack, but the case concludes on a downbeat note. Last in series. (R) 3953382
10 PM	10.00 BBC News 283450 10.25 Regional News; Weather 352214 10.35 Friday Night With Jonathan Ross. Matt Lucas and David Walliams talk about their new DVD Little Britain Abroad. Chef Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall drops in for a chat, and Boyzone discuss their reunion. 157189	10.00 QI. Doon Mackichan, Jimmy Carr, Dara O'Briain and Alan Davies wax lyrical on subjects including endings. Comedy panel game, with Stephen Fry awarding points for the answers he finds most interesting. 75479 10.30 Newsnight 84127	10.30 ITV News; Weather 132905	10.10 Max & Paddy's Road To Nowhere. Spin-off sitcom from Phoenix Nights, starring Peter Kay and Patrick McGuinness. (R) 295295 10.40 Max & Paddy's Road To Nowhere. The duo are forced to endure a night sleeping in the woods when their motor home breaks down. (R) 169059	10.00 Law & Order. The detectives investigate the death of a woman killed in what appears to be a road rage incident. However, as they retrace her last actions, they suspect she was accidentally murdered by an assassin following the wrong car. Last in series. (R) 3963769
11 PM	11.35 Film: Working Girl (1988). An ambitious secretary plots revenge on the conniving and unscrupulous boss who stole her idea. Zesty comedy, starring Melanie Griffith. 535214 1.25 Film: Since You've Been Gone (1998). A man turns to his family for support as he prepares to attend a long-dreaded school reunion. Comedy, with Philip Rayburn Smith; Weatherview 306352 3.00 Sign Zone: Top Gear (R) 48230 4.00 Sign Zone: You Can't Fire Me, I'm Famous (R) 3489541 4.45 BBC News 24 5757517	11.00 Newsnight Review; Weather 558189 11.35 Later With Jools Holland The Who make their debut on the show, Josh Ritter showcases numbers from his concept album. 746092 12.50 Blast Arts magazine aimed at young people. 158046 12.40 Film: Brothers In Trouble (1996). Drama, starring Om Puri. 648994 2.30 Star Trek: The Next Generation (R) 1356772 3.05 Star Trek: The Next Generation (R) 2043130 3.50 BBC News 24 6266401	11.05 Numb3rs. Megan is racked with guilt following the death of an agent in an explosion during an investigation at a drug den and Charlie embarks on a crusade to rescue a child being abused by pornographers. Drama, starring David Krumholtz, Judd Hirsch and Rob Morrow. 581382 12.00 Make Your Play. Interactive game show offering viewers the chance to win nightly cash prizes. 51932246 4.15 Karen Sisco (R) 2069554 5.00 ITV Nightscreen 69333 5.30 ITV Morning News 71555	11.15 Ugly Betty. Wilhelmina plots her next move in the aftermath of her disastrous nuptials, while Betty attempts to sort things out with Daniel. Guest appearance by Mo'Nique. (R) 847568 12.15 4Music: Transmission 1859449 1.20 4Music: Beat Stevie 8383517 1.35 4Music: Empire Square 3771517 2.00 4Music: Dubplate Drama (R) 4606265 2.25 Goalissimo 2292848 3.20 World Cup Snowboard 404994 5.10 Grudge Match (R) 4701913 5.25 Countdown (R) 4656284	11.00 Angelo's. Maria is shocked to hear of Mickey's infidelity, while Angelo puts out a suggestion box for his customers. 2598547 11.30 Valley Of The Sex Dolls. Porn stars who pretend to be gay to further their careers. (R) 5462547 12.00 Quiz Call. Game show giving viewers the chance to phone in and answer questions for cash prizes. 27557975 5.05 Nick's Quest (R) 34151604 5.10 Nick's Quest (R) 35078197 5.30 Nick's Quest (R) 64821771 5.35 Nick's Quest (R) 17511826

SATELLITE AND FREEVIEW

<div>SKY ONE</div> <div>6.00 Cruise With Stelios 6.30 Lion Man 7.00 Malcolm In The Middle 7.30 Are You Smarter Than A 10 Year Old? 8.30 Malcolm In The Middle 9.00 Star Trek: Voyager 10.00 Star Trek: Voyager 11.00 Star Trek: Voyager 12.00 Are You Smarter Than A 10 Year Old? 1.00 Cruise With Stelios 1.30 Lion Man 2.00 Bones 3.00 Stargate SG-1 5.00 Are You Smarter Than A 10 Year Old? 6.00 Futurama 6.30 The Simpsons 7.00 The Simpsons 8.00 Are You Smarter Than A 10 Year Old? 9.00 Project Runway 10.00 Road Wars 11.00 Street Wars 12.00 Ibiza Uncovered 1.50 The Villa 2.40 British Sex 3.30 Mile High 4.20 Relic Hunter 5.10 Guilty! BBC3 7.00 Doctor Who 7.45 Doctor Who Confidential 8.00 Doctor Who 8.45 Doctor Who Confidential 9.00 Torchwood 9.50 Torchwood Declassified 10.00 EastEnders 10.30 Tittybangbang 11.00 Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps 11.30 Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps 12.00 Family Guy 12.25 Family Guy 12.45 The Mighty Boosh 1.15 Tittybangbang 1.45 Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps 2.40 Torchwood 3.30 Torchwood Declassified 3.45 The Mighty Boosh 4.15 Close</div>	<div>BBC4</div> <div>7.00 World News Today; Weather 7.30 The Sky At Night 8.00 Legends: Carmen Miranda – Beneath The Tutti-Frutti Hat. Profile of the actress and singer. 9.00 Brasil, Brasil. Music in Brazil's military era. 10.00 Doctors To Be: Twenty Years On. An update on medical trainee Jane Gilbert. 10.30 QI 11.00 Charlie Brooker's Screenwipe 11.35 Batman 12.00 Batman 12.25 Flight Of The Conchords 12.50 The History Of The World Backwards 1.20 Brasil, Brasil 2.20 Legends: Carmen Miranda – Beneath The Tutti-Frutti Hat 3.20 The Sky At Night 3.55 Close ITV2 9.25 Coronation Street 9.55 Emmerdale 10.25 The Montel Williams Show 11.10 Judge Judy 12.30 Coronation Street 1.00 Emmerdale 1.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show 2.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show 3.40 Ricki Lake 4.20 Sally Jessy Raphael 5.10 Airline 5.40 Judge Judy 6.55 Movies Now 7.10 The X Factor 8.20 The X Factor – The Results 9.00 Katie & Peter: Unleashed 10.00 Coronation Street 10.30 I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here Now! 11.30 I'm A Celebrity Changed My Life 12.35 Katie & Peter: Unleashed 1.35 Streetmate 2.35 Teleshopping 4.30 ITV2 Nightscreen 5.00</div>	<div></div> <div>Katie & Peter: Unleashed, ITV2, 9pm</div> <div>ITV2 Nightscreen ITV3 6.00 Cagney And Lacey 6.50 Heartbeat 7.50 Ironside 8.50 The Bill 9.55 The Rockford Files 10.55 Rising Damp 11.25 Film Film 11.35 Cagney And Lacey 12.35 Robert E Lee 1.45 Heartbeat 2.50 The Rockford Files 3.50 Due South 4.50 Great Garden Detectives 5.50 Heartbeat 6.55 Rising Damp 8.00 Pie In The Sky 9.00 Taggart 11.55 There's Been A Murder –A Celebration Of Taggart 12.55 Rising Damp 1.50 Taggart</div>	<div>3.35 Savage Planet 4.00 Teleshopping ITV4 6.00 Randall And Hopkirk (Deceased) 7.00 Space 1999 8.00 Police, Camera, Action! 8.30 Police, Camera, Action! 9.00 The Professionals 10.00 Film: Coogan's Bluff (1968). Police adventure, with Clint Eastwood. Including Entertainment News Update. 12.00 Film: The History Of The World Part One (1981) 1.45 Starved 2.15 Starved 2.45 The Professionals 3.45 ITV4 Nightscreen 4.00 Teleshopping E4 6.00 Anything Goes 8.00 Mark Ronson Mixes It Up 9.00 Nothing But Floor Fillers 10.00 Like Lily Allen? You'll Love This 11.00 Fresh Films 11.55 Scrubs 12.25 Scrubs 12.50 Desperate Housewives 1.40 The OC 2.35 The OC 3.25 Shipwrecked 2006: Battle Of The Islands 4.25 Hollyoaks 5.00 Friends 5.30 Friends 6.00 Scrubs 6.30 Scrubs 7.00 Hollyoaks 7.30 The War At Home 8.00 Friends 8.30 Friends 9.00 Brat Camp: Mums And Daughters 10.00 Film: That Thing You Do! (1996) 12.05 Scrubs 12.35 Scrubs 1.05 The OC 2.00 The OC 2.45 Desperate Housewives 3.30 The War At Home 3.50 Shipwrecked 2006: Battle Of The Islands 4.50 Switched 5.05 Switched 5.10 Switched 5.15 Switched 5.25 Switched 5.30 Switched</div>	<div>5.35 Switched MORE4 9.00 Deal Or No Deal 9.45 Return Of The Chef 10.45 A Place By The Sea 12.55 3 Minute Wonder: 25 Years On 1.10 Deal Or No Deal 2.00 ER 3.00 ER 4.00 Location, Location, Location 4.30 Location, Location, Location 5.05 Selling Houses 5.35 Selling Houses 6.05 Deal Or No Deal 7.00 Grand Designs 8.00 More4 News 8.30 Unreported World 9.00 Without A Trace 10.00 ER 11.00 ER 12.00 The Sopranos 1.15 Without A Trace 2.05 Countdown 2.50 Close UKTV GOLD 6.00 Neighbours 6.30 EastEnders 7.05 As Time Goes By 7.45 My Hero 8.25 EastEnders 9.00 The Bill 11.00 Keeping Up Appearances 11.40 Last Of The Summer Wine 12.20 The Good Life 1.00 The Thin Blue Line 1.40 My Family 2.20 Dinnerladies 3.00 My Family 3.40 Keeping Up Appearances 4.20 Dinnerladies 5.00 Only Fools And Horses 6.00 The Vicar Of Dibley's Top 40 Moments 8.00 Dancing With The Stars 10.00 EuroMillions: Boom Bang A Bang 10.05 Dancing With The Stars 10.55 Film: Billy Elliot (2000) 1.05 Film: The Color Of Money (1986) 3.10 Wogan: Now And Then 4.00 Jim'll Fix It Strikes Again 4.25 Wogan: Now And Then 5.15 Neighbours</div>
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Saturday, December 1

BBC 1



Casualty – Greg treats a security guard who has been assaulted

6.00 Breakfast 4974130 **10.00** Saturday Kitchen 99062 **11.30** Rachel's Favourite Food For Living 3081 **12.00** BBC News; Weather 5152130 **12.10** Football Focus 1566888 **1.00** Amateur Boxing. Highlights of Great Britain v USA. 4865371 **2.15** Live Rugby Union. Llanelli Scarlets v Saracens (Kick-off 2.30pm). This afternoon's Anglo-Welsh Cup fixture comes from Stradey Park, where the Pool D rivals play their concluding match of the round-robin phase. 27098913 **4.30** Final Score. Round-up of results. Digital viewers can access extended coverage on the interactive service. 2284371 **5.25** BBC News; Regional News; Weather 1865517 **5.45** Strictly Come Dancing. The remaining couples perform two routines. The result can be seen tomorrow at 6.50pm. 748826

BBC 2



The Company – Jack meets with the Hungarian resistance

6.00 CBeebies: Fimbles (R) 7913771 **6.20** Teletubbies (R) 9818307 **6.45** Step Inside (R) 7327807 **7.00** CBBC: Dogstar 5124997 **7.25** Dennis The Menace (R) 9325401 **7.45** Watch My Chops (R) 4808994 **8.00** Hider In The House (R) 77352 **9.00** TMI: Diddy Dick & Dom (R) 53284 **10.30** Stupid (R) 1737772 **10.55** The Story Of Tracy Beaker (R) 1745791 **11.25** What's New Scooby-Doo? (R) 3529333 **11.45** Sportsround 8672642 **12.00** Animal Park 5805468 **12.45** Film: Jesse James (1939) 52899062 **2.25** Film 2007 With Jonathan Ross (R) 39786352 **2.55** Film: Whale Rider (2002) 15598449 **4.30** BBC Switch: Falcon Beach 2791449 **5.15** BBC Switch: Sound 2412062 **5.50** Heroes Unmasked (R) 604062 **6.00** What The Papers Say 327401 **6.10** Paul Merton's Silent Clowns 153642

ITV 1



All Star Family Fortunes – Vernon Kay hosts the celebrity game show

6.00 GMTV 4267246 **9.25** CITV: Horrid Henry 7057159 **9.40** Emu 4249333 **9.55** Supernormal 4262284 **10.10** Tricky TV 5353159 **10.40** Skyland 1743333 **11.10** Bernard (R) 3537352 **11.25** Bernard (R) 1631371 **11.35** Planet Sketch 4176888 **11.45** ITV News And Weather 4190468 **11.55** London Today; Weather 8526468 **12.00** Saturday Cooks! 14772 **1.30** Film: Babe: Pig In The City (1998). Endearing family comedy, starring Magda Szubanski. 76183449 **3.05** Film: Live And Let Die (1973). James Bond adventure, starring Roger Moore. Continues after the news. 2423468 **4.20** London Today; Weather 9258352 **4.35** ITV News And Weather 7070913 **4.55** Film: Live And Let Die (1973). Concluded. 2289826 **5.55** Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! 733642 **6.55** The X Factor 2073028

CHANNEL 4



Codex – Archaeologists pit their wits against a team of authors

6.10 The Hoobs (R) 5218343 **6.35** The Hoobs (R) 3049975 **7.00** Goalissimo (R) 61791 **8.00** The Morning Line 9215468 **8.50** T4: One Tree Hill 6270915 **9.50** T4: Friends (R) 9101604 **10.20** T4: MobileAct Unsigned (R) 7897604 **11.25** T4: Friends (R) 3657081 **11.55** T4: Transmission (R) 5873265 **12.25** T4: Friends (R) 8652772 **1.00** T4: Charmed (R) 30062 **2.00** Channel 4 Racing From Newbury And Newcastle. Including the 2.40 Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup Chase (H'cap) (3m 2 1/2f). 93293807 **4.10** The TV Show. New series. Monthly debate about recent TV shows. 5302284 **4.45** Time Team. A Roman boat is uncovered on a building site. (R) 697333 **5.45** Codex. Archaeologists pit their wits against a team of authors. 448197 **6.30** Channel 4 News 360265

FIVE



Law & Order: Special Victims Unit – Mariska Hargitay stars in the drama

6.00 Sunrise 8704772 **7.00** Milkshake! Hi-5 (R) 4623333 **7.35** Hana's Helpline (R) 2232772 **7.50** The Beeps 2253265 **8.05** Harry And His Bucket Full Of Dinosaurs 5380739 **8.25** The Book Of Pooh (R) 8576468 **8.55** Roobarb And Custard Too (R) 2018178 **9.05** Funky Valley 5851739 **9.15** The Adventures Of Bottle Top Bill And His Best Friend Corky (R) 5831975 **9.30** Franklin (R) 4829449 **10.00** The Gadget Show (R) 5201371 **11.00** Football Italiano Highlights 7308536 **11.45** Wild Events (R) 5024371 **12.20** Film: Dudley Do-Right (1999). Comedy adventure, starring Brendan Fraser. 24843062 **1.50** Film: Gambit (1966). Crime caper, starring Michael Caine. 35997997 **3.50** Film: Hour Of The Gun (1967). Western, starring James Garner and Jason Robards. 8530333 **5.45** Impact Earth 70028265

7 PM

7.15 **Robin Hood.** A messenger from King Richard dies in the outlaw's arms, but not before uttering the word Lardner. When the fortune-telling Fool also mentions the name in a doom-laden prophecy, the Sheriff and Gisborne decide they should be searching for the same thing. 421975

7.10 **The Culture Show.** Andrew Graham-Dixon marks the 250th anniversary of William Blake's birth, providing a profile of the painter, printer and prophet. Tom Dyckhoff travels to Brazil to meet Oscar Niemeyer, who is a practising architect even though he's nearly 100 years old. 336333

8 PM

8.00 **The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins.** New challengers take on last week's winning team. 165913
8.50 **Casualty.** TC is dismissed following the revelation he was the writer of the derogatory blog, although Charlie believes he should be given another chance. 234642

8.00 **Coast.** Neil Oliver explores Sandbanks in Poole Harbour as the team travel along the south coast of England. Alice Roberts investigates the secrets behind building a perfect sandcastle, while Nicholas Crane finds out about the massive mudslides that occurred in Lyme Regis in the 1960s. (R) 5710

8.25 **All Star Family Fortunes.** Magician Stephen Mulhern and presenter Kirsty Gallacher's families battle it out against each other as Vernon Kay hosts the celebrity game show. The stars hope to win a prize of up to £30,000 to donate to the charity of their choice. 432197

8.00 **This Is Civilisation.** Matthew Collings looks at how art came to express emotions. Beginning in Renaissance Italy, Collings journeys to the Paris of the French Revolution, where he examines the work of two great 18th-century artists – Jacques-Louis David and Francisco Goya. 7178

8.45 **NCIS.** A Navy captain is held hostage in his own office. The kidnappers watch his every move and try to extort a large sum of money from him for his family's release. The NCIS team are soon on the case, but need to identify the chief assailant before he loses his patience. (R) 8410536

9 PM

9.40 **The Omid Djalili Show.** The award-winning comedian talks about the environment and interfering people and showcases sketches, including another instructional video from Steve 'the Dragon' Thompson on how to find love and the would-be actor trying to impress Freema Agyeman. 779994

9.00 **Have I Got A Bit More News For You.** Special extended version, with host Clive Anderson. 984401
9.40 **The Company.** The espionage drama continues as CIA agent Jack McAuliffe arrives in Hungary, where an uprising is being planned. Chris O'Donnell and Natascha McElhone stars. 255468

9.10 **The X Factor –The Results.** Irish pop sensations Westlife perform live in the studio before the viewers' verdict is announced. 368642
9.40 **Saturday Live Again!** Marking the 21st anniversary of the ground-breaking entertainment show. Presented by Marcus Brigstocke. 7530623

9.00 **Film: Evolution (2001).** Mild-mannered science teachers David Duchovny and Orlando Jones investigate a mysterious meteor and discover it's oozing a bizarre fluid which turns out to contain millions of minuscule, but rapidly evolving, organisms. Sci-fi comedy, with Julianne Moore. 7915

9.40 **CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.** Hodges convinces Archie, Henry and Mandy they have been secretly asked to analyse the four murders linked to the miniatures killer, while Grissom and Robbins get a shock when a live rat jumps out of a corpse during an autopsy. (R) 4821772

10 PM

10.10 **BBC News; Weather;** National Lottery Update 549975
10.30 **Match Of The Day.** Highlights of this afternoon's Premier League clashes, including Aston Villa v Arsenal at Villa Park as Martin O'Neill's side go in search of their first victory against the Gunners since 1998. 2191197

11.15 **The Tudors.** Cardinal Wolsey bears the brunt of the king's anger when the ecclesiastical court announces it will have to consult with Rome before granting a divorce. (R) 769420
12.05 **Film: The Theory Of Flight (1998).** A frustrated artist sets out to build a flying machine. Drama, starring Kenneth Branagh. 696208
1.40 **The Culture Show.** Andrew Graham-Dixon celebrates the life of William Blake. (R) 5032666
2.30 **Film: Solas (1998).** Poignant Spanish drama, starring Ana Fernandez. 710734

11.10 **ITV News And Weather; Weather** 975159
11.25 **TV's Naughtiest Blunders.** Neil Morrissey introduces another selection of uncensored showbiz slip-ups, featuring actors Sean Bean and Martin Kemp and the casts of Coronation Street and Footballers' Wives. (R) 573710
12.00 **Make Your Play.** Interactive game show. 51909918
4.10 **The Jules And Lulu Show** (R) 71488937
4.30 **The Jules And Lulu Show** (R) 39802
5.00 **ITV Nightscreen** 11918
5.30 **ITV Morning News** 92260

11.00 **Lenny Henry's Perfect Night In.** Last in series. (R) 93728791
1.10 **Film: The Blair Witch Project (1999).** Horror, with Heather Donahue. 4764208
2.40 **3 Minute Wonder: Can You Believe Your Eyes?** (R) 4072685
2.45 **Bernard Manning From Beyond The Grave** (R) 545173
3.45 **How To Cope With Rejection** (R) 67106840
3.50 **4Music: Dubplate Drama** (R) 31091463
4.15 **Grudge Match** (R) 11544685
4.25 **Full Metal Challenge** (R) 5831463
5.25 **Countdown** (R) 4623956

10.40 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.** The police discover a 12-year-old boy posted sinister threats toward a girl on a website chat room and suspect his anger stems from sexual abuse. The trail soon leads Benson and Stabler to a billionaire known for his generous donations to charities. 6437130

11 PM

12.10 **Film: Universal Soldier: The Return (1999).** Jean-Claude Van Damme reprises his role as a resurrected warrior in this embarrassingly awful sequel, this time battling for survival against a host of supercharged troops controlled by an insane computerised opponent. Action adventure, also starring Michael Jai White, Heidi Schanz and Kiana Tom. 2881005
1.25 **Friday Night With Jonathan Ross.** With Matt Lucas and David Walliams; (R) Weatherview 9609289
2.30 **BBC News 24** 9604956

11.15 **The Tudors.** Cardinal Wolsey bears the brunt of the king's anger when the ecclesiastical court announces it will have to consult with Rome before granting a divorce. (R) 769420
12.05 **Film: The Theory Of Flight (1998).** A frustrated artist sets out to build a flying machine. Drama, starring Kenneth Branagh. 696208
1.40 **The Culture Show.** Andrew Graham-Dixon celebrates the life of William Blake. (R) 5032666
2.30 **Film: Solas (1998).** Poignant Spanish drama, starring Ana Fernandez. 710734

11.10 **ITV News And Weather; Weather** 975159
11.25 **TV's Naughtiest Blunders.** Neil Morrissey introduces another selection of uncensored showbiz slip-ups, featuring actors Sean Bean and Martin Kemp and the casts of Coronation Street and Footballers' Wives. (R) 573710
12.00 **Make Your Play.** Interactive game show. 51909918
4.10 **The Jules And Lulu Show** (R) 71488937
4.30 **The Jules And Lulu Show** (R) 39802
5.00 **ITV Nightscreen** 11918
5.30 **ITV Morning News** 92260

11.00 **Lenny Henry's Perfect Night In.** Last in series. (R) 93728791
1.10 **Film: The Blair Witch Project (1999).** Horror, with Heather Donahue. 4764208
2.40 **3 Minute Wonder: Can You Believe Your Eyes?** (R) 4072685
2.45 **Bernard Manning From Beyond The Grave** (R) 545173
3.45 **How To Cope With Rejection** (R) 67106840
3.50 **4Music: Dubplate Drama** (R) 31091463
4.15 **Grudge Match** (R) 11544685
4.25 **Full Metal Challenge** (R) 5831463
5.25 **Countdown** (R) 4623956

11.40 **Criminal Minds.** A serial killer reappears after 20 years of inactivity and contacts the Behavioural Analysis Unit through Gideon's retired mentor. The chase to find him heats up when he threatens to strike again within the next five days. Drama, starring Mandy Patinkin. (R) 4505642
12.40 **Quiz Call.** Game show giving viewers the chance to phone in and answer questions for cash prizes. 43812937
5.10 **Wildlife SOS.** The work of volunteers at an animal sanctuary. (R) 45995460
5.35 **Wildlife SOS** (R) 17588598

SATELLITE AND FREEVIEW

SKY ONE
6.00 Pop Years **7.00** America's Dumbest Criminals **7.30** The Book Show **8.00** Brainiac: Science Abuse **9.00** Soccer AM **12.00** Mission Implausible **1.00** Vroom Vroom **2.00** America's Dumbest Criminals **2.30** Futurama **3.00** Futurama **3.30** Futurama **4.00** Futurama **4.30** Cirque De Celebrite **6.00** A Town Called Eureka **7.00** Stargate Atlantis **8.00** The Simpsons **8.30** The Simpsons **9.00** Ross Kemp On Gangs **10.00** Nothing But The Truth **11.00** Naked In Blackpool **12.00** Street Wars **1.00** Dom Joly's Happy Hour **1.55** Road Wars **2.50** America's Dumbest Criminals **3.20** Nip/Tuck **4.15** Nip/Tuck **5.10** Guilty!
BBC3
7.00 Pranks Galore! **7.10** The Real Hustle **7.40** Mind, Body & Kick Ass Moves **8.10** Top Gear **9.10** Little Britain **9.40** Film: Chicago (2002) **11.25** Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps **11.55** Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps **12.25** Comedy Shuffle **12.55** Tittybangbang **1.25** The Real Hustle **1.55** Mind, Body & Kick Ass Moves **2.25** Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps **2.55** Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps **3.20** Comedy Shuffle **3.50** Tittybangbang **4.20** Close

BBC4
7.00 The Diary Of A Nobody **7.10** A Perfect Spy **8.05** A Perfect Spy **9.00** Lead Balloon **9.30** More Dawn French's Boys Who Do Comedy **10.00** Brasil, Brasil **11.00** City Of Men **11.35** Film: Carandiru (2003). A new doctor at South America's biggest prison finds himself drawn into a riot that is met with brutal violence from the police. Fact-based drama, starring Luiz Carlos Vasconcelos. **1.55** The Grierson Awards **3.05** Brasil, Brasil **4.05** Close
ITV2
9.25 Emmerdale **12.10** Coronation Street **2.30** Holiday Showdown **3.35** Holiday Airport: Orlando **4.40** All Star Family Fortunes **5.25** Streetmate **6.25** The New Adventures Of Superman **7.25** Australian Princess **8.25** The Xtra Factor **9.10** Hot Love: Gone Bad **9.40** The Xtra Factor Results **10.25** Film: Back To The Future (1985). Michael J Fox stars in the blockbusting sci-fi comedy about a teenager who is transported back to the 1950s courtesy of his eccentric inventor friend Christopher Lloyd. Including Entertainment News Update. **12.40** The X Factor **2.10** The X Factor –The Results **2.40** The Xtra Factor Results **3.25** Emmerdale



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ITV3
6.00 Savage Planet **6.30** Film File **6.40** The Magnificent Seven **7.25** Missing Persons **8.25** Sidney Sheldon's Windmills Of The Gods **9.25** The Magnificent Seven **10.25** Our New Life In Everwood **11.20** Our New Life In Everwood **12.15** The Cosby Mysteries **2.10** The Making Of The Golden Compass **2.40** Pie In The Sky **3.45** The Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes **4.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **5.55** The Two Ronnies Present: The Picnic **6.30** The Two

Ronnies **7.30** Bramwell **8.35** Bramwell **9.40** Cleopatra **11.35** Agatha Christie's Poirot **12.40** McCloud **1.55** The Making Of The Golden Compass **2.20** The Man Who Made Husbands Jealous **3.10** The Vice **4.30** Teleshopping
ITV4
12.30 Police, Camera, Action! **1.00** The Contender **2.00** Danger Man **3.00** Space 1999 **4.00** The Professionals **5.00** Police, Camera, Action! **5.30** Police Patrol **5.55** When Stunts Go Bad **6.55** 3rd Rock From The Sun **7.25** 3rd Rock From The Sun **7.55** Police, Camera, Action! **8.25** Police Stop! **9.25** Police Patrol **9.40** The Sweeney **10.45** Film: Pink Cadillac (1989). Watchable comedy adventure, starring Clint Eastwood as a bounty hunter searching for a woman who stole \$250,000 from a gang of neo-Nazis. With Bernadette Peters. Including Entertainment News Update. **1.10** International Fight League **3.00** Saturday Night Live **3.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **4.00** Teleshopping
E4
6.00 Anything Goes **8.00** Our Showbiz Mates **9.00** E4 Music's Cool Winter **12.00** The Simple Life **12.35** Beauty & The Geek **1.30** Age Of Love **2.30** Hollyoaks **5.00**

Friends **5.30** Friends **6.00** The Class **6.30** Scrubs **7.00** Smallville **7.55** Friends **8.25** Friends **9.00** The 100 Greatest Films **12.10** Transmission **1.10** The 100 Greatest Films **4.15** Switched **4.35** Switched **5.00** Switched **5.20** Switched **5.45** Close
MORE4
9.00 Junkyard Wars **10.00** Time Team **1.00** Film: Eye Of The Needle (1981) **3.05** Grand Designs **4.10** Grand Designs Revisited **8.30** Taken For A Ride **9.00** Snowmail **9.05** The West Wing **10.05** Film: I Heart Huckabees (2004) **12.05** Film: You Can Count On Me (2000) **2.10** The Closer **3.10** Deal Or No Deal **3.50** Close
UKTV GOLD
6.00 Close Up **6.20** Dallas **7.20** 2point4 Children **8.00** Yes, Prime Minister **9.20** One Foot In The Grave **10.00** Keeping Up Appearances **10.40** Last Of The Summer Wine **11.20** My Hero **12.00** Doctor Who **2.00** My Family **3.20** Keeping Up Appearances **4.00** Last Of The Summer Wine **4.40** My Hero **5.20** Doctor Who **6.20** My Hero **7.00** Dinnerladies **7.40** My Family **9.00** Film: Billy Elliot (2000) **11.10** TV's Greatest Christmas Moments **1.10** The Royle Family **1.50** Comedy Connections **2.30** Prison Break **3.15** Friday Night With Jonathan Ross **4.20** Dallas **5.10** Dallas

Sunday, December 2	<div>BBC 1</div> <div></div> <div>Cranford – Job Gregson (Dean Lennox Kelly) is accused of theft</div> <div>6.00 Breakfast 7899376 7.15 Match Of The Day 53752289 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show 26227 10.00 Christmas Voices 15598 11.00 Countryfile 95734 12.00 The Politics Show 99937 1.00 Match Of The Day Live: The FA Cup. Harrogate Railway v Mansfield Town (Kick-off 1.10pm). Coverage of the second-round fixture at Station View. 266192 3.30 Diagnosis Murder (R) 5159314 4.15 Robin Hood (R) 6088734 5.00 Points Of View. Terry Wogan champions viewers' opinions on BBC programmes. 1822802 5.15 Songs Of Praise. Aled Jones presents from Hexham Abbey in Northumberland. 2481192 5.50 Cranford. Rumours spread about the railway line. (R) 735802 6.50 Strictly Come Dancing. Kylie Minogue performs her new single Two Hearts. 390208</div>	<div>BBC 2</div> <div></div> <div>Long Way Down – Charley chooses a dangerous route into Zambia</div> <div>6.00 CBeebies: Fimbles (R) 1218983 6.20 Teletubbies (R) 3113519 6.45 Step Inside (R) 7394579 7.00 CBBC: Jakers! (R) 9313666 7.20 Pinky And The Brain (R) 9393802 7.40 Even Stevens (R) 9338753 8.05 The Basil Brush Show (R) 8267442 8.30 SMart 78314 9.30 Hedz (R) 19276 10.00 Something For The Weekend 5810260 11.15 Match Of The Day Live. The draw for next summer's Euro 2008 finals in Switzerland and Austria, held in Lucerne, Switzerland. 1270227 12.00 Film: The Preacher's Wife (1996). Romantic comedy, starring Whitney Houston. 877463 1.55 EastEnders 34222734 3.55 Rugby Union 6704482 5.00 Rugby Union 5482 5.30 Shark Therapy (R) 18 6.00 Stoats Of Kedleston Hall (R) 939260 6.10 The Nature Of Britain (R) 511444</div>	<div>ITV1</div> <div></div> <div>Who Gets the Dog? – Alison Steadman and Kevin Whately star</div> <div>6.00 GMTV 4234918 9.25 The Championship 8131956 10.20 CITV: Art Attack (R) 2232463 10.40 Finger Tips (R) 8998043 11.00 Jim Jam & Sunny 3580444 11.15 Jim Jam & Sunny 3503395 11.30 Pocoyo 4144289 11.40 Planet Sketch (R) 8628821 12.00 The Amazing Adrenalini Brothers (R) 5154598 12.10 ITV News And Weather 3071314 12.15 London Today: Weather 3070685 12.20 Film: The Ghost Of Greville Lodge (2000). Spooky drama, starring George Cole. 140956 2.00 The X Factor (R) 92869 3.30 The X Factor – The Results (R) 73 4.00 London Tonight: Weather 9205260 4.15 Film: Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace (1999). Blockbusting sci-fi prequel, starring Ewan McGregor. 96077395 6.40 ITV News And Weather 995519</div>	<div>CHANNEL 4</div> <div></div> <div>100 Greatest Family Films – The most popular family movies</div> <div>6.10 The Hoobs (R) 9513555 6.35 The Hoobs (R) 3016647 7.00 Transworld Sport 5777802 7.55 World Cup Skiing. The men's downhill at Beaver Creek in the United States. 2736024 8.50 T4: The OC. Kirsten's sister moves into the Cohen household. (R) 1831617 9.50 T4: Hollyoaks 30166918 12.20 T4: MobileAct Unsigned 8632685 1.20 T4: Friends. Monica starts making wedding plans. (R) 68329937 1.45 T4: The Simpsons (R) 424956 2.15 T4: The Simpsons (R) 416937 2.45 100 Greatest Family Films. Part one of two. Celluloid countdown. (R) 43627024 5.45 Film: Elf (2003). Premiere. A youngster is taken in by St Nick and raised as an elf - so he gets a bit of a shock years later when he finds out he's actually human. Comedy, starring Will Ferrell. 81560579</div>	<div>FIVE</div> <div></div> <div>Beyond the Break – Four girls train to become professional surfers</div> <div>6.00 Milkshake! 3203227 10.00 Hannah Montana 3134937 10.30 Hannah Montana 5267579 11.00 8 Simple Rules 3967289 11.30 Beyond The Break 3968918 12.00 Film: Columbo: Try And Catch Me (1977). Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. 8701685 1.30 Football Italiano. Mark Chapman and Laura Esposto introduce live coverage of a match from Italy's Serie A, where Inter Milan are the reigning champions. 71748956 4.20 Rogue Raiders. A South African town terrorised by baboons. (R) 6514395 5.10 Film: Firecreek (1967). James Stewart plays a pacifist sheriff protecting his town from a renegade gang headed by embittered outlaw Henry Fonda. Handsome Western adventure, also starring Inger Stevens. 60660821</div>
	<div>7 PM</div> <div>7.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather 588005</div>	<div>7.00 Earth: The Power Of The Planet. Dr Iain Stewart explores Earth's atmosphere, revealing how it was initially made up of noxious volcanic gases until the emergence of life forms gave the planet oxygen. He also visits Argentina to explain how the atmosphere affects the weather. (R) 5579</div>	<div>7.00 Emmerdale. Douglas and Hilary decide to return home but have a shock in store when they get there. 9444 7.30 Coronation Street. Liz fears her big day will be ruined when she learns Jim has been released from prison. Elsewhere, Violet comes clean with Jamie about Sean's loan. 21</div>	<div>7.30 Channel 4 News 63</div>	<div>7.05 Five News And Sport 2546314 7.15 Film: The Waterboy (1998). An American football team's waterboy is unexpectedly given the opportunity to prove himself on the pitch, but first has to overcome the cruel taunts of fellow players who have no faith in his abilities. 69974802</div>
	<div>8 PM</div> <div>8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Michael Aspel and the team travel to Powis Castle in Wales and value a host of treasures including an original Dr Who script. Plus, the owner of a broken piece of pottery is left to rue their luck as the experts reveal it could have been worth a fortune. 6685</div>	<div>8.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May are joined by F1 prodigy Lewis Hamilton, who chats to the trio and demonstrates his abilities on the test track. Jeremy and James assess historic vehicles to establish which one pioneered the control layout present in modern cars. 4227</div>	<div>8.00 Heartbeat. A trio of Australian sheep-shearers arrive in Aidsensfield to help out at Grimedale Farm, but a missing watch puts one of them behind bars. Rosie is surprised by a face from the past and has to choose between two tempting offers for the future. Peggy plans to start a laundry business. 1753</div>	<div>8.00 100 Greatest Family Films. Conclusion of the countdown of the most popular family movies of all time, taking in modern CGI fare such as Toy Story, Shrek and The Incredibles, and vintage classics The Wizard of Oz and Mary Poppins. Featuring interviews with cast and crew. (R) 794685</div>	
	<div>9 PM</div> <div>9.00 Cranford. Christmas arrives in the town, but Lady Ludlow regrets any notion of seasonal charity when Mr Carter asks her to intervene in the case of Job Gregson, who has been blamed for a spate of thefts. Matty is delighted when Mr Ludlow invites her to his farm. Judi Dench stars. 6821</div>	<div>9.00 Long Way Down. The duo briefly go their separate ways when Ewan McGregor's wife joins them in Malawi, with Charley choosing to take a more dangerous route into Zambia. They are reunited at the Victoria Falls and after saying goodbye to Eve, it's on to Botswana and the final leg of their journey. 4463</div>	<div>9.00 Who Gets The Dog? Kevin Whately stars in a one-off comedy drama about the trials and tribulations of divorce. Jack and Jenny Evans' 27-year marriage is on the rocks and each blames the other for the breakdown. Their daughter Claire is doing all she can to reconcile her parents. 20346314</div>		<div>9.00 Film: Bad Boys II (2003). Sequel to the rapid-fire comedy thriller, reuniting Will Smith and Martin Lawrence as the wisecracking cops. The duo hurtle into action to bring down a ruthless drug lord, who's attempting to flood the market with deadly Ecstasy. Gabrielle Union and Jordi Molla co-star. 71915192</div>
	<div>10 PM</div> <div>10.00 BBC News; Weather 858937 10.15 The Blair Years. Tony Blair speaks of his gradual transition in office from being a consensus politician who drew together many shades of public opinion to a leader who divided the country on several key issues. Last in series. 7526227</div>	<div>10.00 Match Of The Day 2. Adrian Chiles is joined by Lee Dixon and Gavin Peacock to review the day's Premier League action. 205289 10.50 Graham Norton Uncut. The talk-show host presents an extended edition of the programme, featuring comedian Alan Carr. 715376</div>	<div>10.55 ITV News And Weather; Weather 844482</div>		
	<div>11 PM</div> <div>11.20 Film: Take Me Home: The John Denver Story (2000). Superficial biopic of the country singer, charting his rise to fame and fortune as he struggled to overcome a string of personal traumas. Chad Lowe takes the lead, with Kristin Davis, Gerald McRaney and Brian Markinson. 810005 12.45 The Sky At Night; Weatherview 7419609 1.10 Sign Zone: Watchdog (R) 4731654 1.40 Sign Zone: Holby City (R) 5687357 2.40 Sign Zone: The Nature Of Britain (R) 5495154 3.30 BBC News 24 459852</div>	<div>11.35 Heroes. Following their trip into the future, Hiro and Ando become even more determined to save the world, and Nathan makes plans to win the election. Sylar decides to visit his mother, while Thompson introduces a new person into the organisation. (R) 229314 12.20 Film: Chopper (2000). Shockingly brutal fact-based Australian drama charting the rise of notorious criminal Mark Read, based on events described in his autobiographical books. Starring Eric Bana. 1205864 1.50 BBC News 24 851512</div>	<div>11.10 Eric Clapton: The South Bank Show. A candid interview with the guitar legend, whose career has spanned more than 40 years and whose life has been dogged by tragedy. 425376 12.10 Alpha – Did It Change Their Lives? 7028512 1.00 The Making Of The Golden Compass 5627390 1.25 Film: Trapped (2002). Taut thriller, starring Charlize Theron. 4722222 2.55 The Jeremy Kyle Show (R) 5409357 3.50 ITV Nightscreen 138999 5.30 ITV Morning News 60883</div>	<div>11.00 Dylan Moran: Like, Totally. Footage from the 2006 stand-up tour by the Bafta award-winning star of Black Books. 74127 12.00 Animatel TV 1898338 1.05 UK Poker Tour 3585628 2.05 King Of The Hill 4632680 2.30 Film: Red Planet (2000). Dreadful sci-fi thriller, starring Val Kilmer. 823488 4.15 3 Minute Wonder: Preparing For The Worst (R) 59274661 4.20 4Music: MobileAct Unsigned (R) 5809864 5.20 Countdown (R) 4691357</div>	<div>11.45 Disorderly Conduct. Footage of intense situations such as real-life car accidents, drug raids and high-speed pursuits. (R) 8360096 12.50 Natural Born Racers. Fly-on-the-wall documentary highlighting the antics of novice superbike racers battling to win a professional contract. 9725796 1.20 NFL Live. Pittsburgh Steelers v Cincinnati Bengals. Nat Coombes and Mike Carlson introduce coverage from Heinz Field. 87496203 4.50 X Games 2007 4726661 5.35 Motorsport Mundial 17548970</div>

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SKY ONE

6.00 Hour Of Power 7.00 Little Monsters 8.00 Are You Smarter Than A 10 Year Old? 9.00 Blue Revolution 10.45 Futurama 11.00 WWE: Experience 12.00 Robot Wars Extreme 1.00 Conspiracies 2.00 Project Runway 3.00 Max Magic 4.00 Futurama 4.30 Cirque – Backstage At The Big Top 5.00 The Simpsons 5.30 The Simpsons 6.00 Are You Smarter Than A 10 Year Old? 7.00 The Simpsons 7.30 Cirque De Celebrite 9.00 Bones 10.00 Film: True Romance (1993) 12.05 Naked In Blackpool 1.05 Limo Fever 2.00 America's Dumbest Criminals 2.30 Futurama 2.40 Buffy The Vampire Slayer 3.30 Nip/Tuck 5.10 Guilty! BBC3 7.00 Doctor Who 7.45 Doctor Who Confidential 8.00 The All New House Of Tiny Tearaways 9.00 Don't Tell The Bride 10.00 Tittybangbang 10.30 The Mighty Boosh 11.00 Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps 11.30 Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps 12.00 Don't Tell The Bride 12.55 Touch Me, I'm Karen Taylor 1.25 Tittybangbang 1.55 The Mighty Boosh 2.20 Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps 3.20 The All New House Of Tiny Tearaways 4.20 Close

BBC4

7.00 Thoroughly Modern 7.30 Hubble Telescope 8.30 The Sky At Night 9.00 A Satellite's Tale 10.00 The Secret Life Of The Motorway 11.00 Fanny Hill 12.00 Parallel Worlds, Parallel Lives 1.00 The Late Edition 1.30 The History Of The World Backwards 2.00 The Sky At Night 2.30 A Satellite's Tale 3.30 The Late Edition 4.00 Close ITV2 9.25 Fred Claus: UK Premiere Special 9.55 Australian Princess 10.50 All Star Family Fortunes 11.35 Emmerdale 2.25 Film: Back To The Future (1985) 4.35 Coronation Street 7.00 The X Factor 8.30 The X Factor – The Results 9.00 Katie & Peter: Unleashed 10.00 Film: Mad Max 2 (1981) 11.55 Coronation Street 12.25 The X Factor 1.45 The X Factor – The Results 2.25 The Black Donnellays 3.15 Teleshopping 5.15 ITV2 Nightscreen ITV3 6.00 Cribb 6.55 Agatha Christie's Why Didn't They Ask Evans? 8.05 Sidney Sheldon's Windmills Of The Gods 9.05 Cribb 10.10 The Two Ronnies 11.05 Agatha Christie's Why Didn't They Ask Evans? 12.25 Sidney Sheldon's Windmills Of The Gods 1.25 The Blackheath Poisonings 2.35 Inspector Morse



Bones, Sky One, 9pm

4.35 Agatha Christie's Why Didn't They Ask Evans? 6.00 The Two Ronnies 7.00 Hayley Westenra – Live From New Zealand 8.00 Great Garden Detectives 9.00 Film: Prizzi's Honor (1985) 11.35 The Big Easy 12.35 Hayley Westenra – Live From New Zealand 1.35 Film: Prizzi's Honor (1985) 3.40 Emmerdale 4.40 ITV4 12.30 WRC's Craziest Moments 1.30 Police Stop! 2.30 Minder 3.30 The Sweeney 4.40 World Rally Championships: Greatest

Stages 5.40 WRC's Craziest Moments 6.40 World Rally Championship Highlights 7.50 Movies Now 8.00 Jericho 9.00 Film: The Gauntlet (1977) 11.10 Film: Escape From New York (1981) 1.05 World Rally Championships: Greatest Stages 2.05 LAPD: Life On The Beat 2.30 LAPD: Life On The Beat 3.00 Dinner For Five 3.30 Dinner For Five 3.55 ITV4 Nightscreen 4.00 Teleshopping E4 6.00 Anything Goes 8.00 Our Showbiz Mates 9.00 E4 Music's Cool Winter 12.05 Playing It Straight USA 1.05 Playing It Straight USA 2.05 Playing It Straight USA 3.05 Pussycat Dolls Present: The Search For The Next Doll 4.05 Friends 4.35 Friends 5.05 Ghost Whisperer 6.05 Miss Match 7.00 Friends 7.30 Friends 8.00 Ugly Betty 9.00 Smallville 10.00 Film: Batman Returns (1992) 12.20 Film: That Thing You Do! (1996) 2.25 MobileAct Unsigned 3.25 Dubplate Drama 3.50 Miss Match 4.30 Switched 4.55 Switched 5.15 Switched 5.40 Close MORE4 9.00 A Place In The Sun 9.30 Scrapheap Challenge 12.45 Location, Location, Location 2.20 Location, Location, Location Revisited

2.55 Location, Location, Location Revisited 3.30 Location, Location, Location Revisited 4.00 Come Dine With Me 6.50 A River Cottage Christmas Feast 7.55 Relocation, Relocation 9.00 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares 10.00 World's Worst Sex Change Surgeon 11.05 Father Ted Christmas Special 12.15 Studio 60 On The Sunset Strip 1.10 Curb Your Enthusiasm 1.45 Curb Your Enthusiasm 2.15 Father Ted Christmas Special 3.25 Close UKTV GOLD 6.00 Close Up 6.10 Close Up 6.20 As Time Goes By 7.00 Keeping Up Appearances 7.40 Keeping Up Appearances 8.20 Porridge 9.00 As Time Goes By 9.40 Keeping Up Appearances 11.00 Porridge 11.40 Open All Hours 12.20 Only Fools And Horses 1.00 Only Fools And Horses 1.40 Only Fools And Horses 2.20 Only Fools And Horses 3.00 Only Fools And Horses 3.40 Only Fools And Horses 4.20 Only Fools And Horses 5.00 Only Fools And Horses 5.40 Only Fools And Horses 6.20 Only Fools And Horses 7.00 TV's Greatest Christmas Moments 9.00 Morecambe And Wise – The Greatest Moment 10.35 Only Fools And Horses 12.30 The Royle Family 1.10 Film: Gandhi (1982) 3.45 Open All Hours 4.15 Dallas 5.05 Yes, Prime Minister 5.35 Neighbours

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With their newly-refurbished lighting department completed, there's no better time to pay a visit to Fishpools to take a look at their selection of illuminating options. Leading brands include Waterford, Moorcroft, Florence, Franklite, Dar and Fantastic Crystal. The choice is wide and varied and you can rest assured that the advice you'll receive will be top class.

The possibilities are endless with modern or traditional lighting, and it's pretty much guaranteed you will find a style to suit your home; from decorative table lamps, task lighting and ceiling fittings to contemporary bathroom lighting.

We all know that chandeliers are the height of elegance, and if you choose



Lighting Buyer Mrs. Gerry Page (seated) with some of her team

the right design for your home then you'll find it a worthwhile investment. If 'style is everything' then perhaps opt for one of the classic designs that are available, such as the 'Winchester' - a timeless collection available in either a chrome or a black finish, which would look perfect in a grand dining room.

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There are a number of wall fitting designs to choose from, such as the 'Catania', which is a decadent classic design with a contemporary twist, available in a cream or gold finish. This particular design is really beautiful and would make a delightful wall feature in a dining room or living area.

The 'Wroxton' is a gorgeous lighting collection that comes in a titanium

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Already you'll be feeling a little spoilt for choice, but let's not forget the importance of floor and table lamps, especially for the rooms in your home where you like to unwind and relax - getting the lighting and the ambience just right here is essential.

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Ref: T0028

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GRAPHIC DESIGNER

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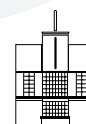
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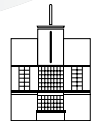


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Closing date for the following post is Friday 14th December 2007

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER – Ref 1C035N

Salary up to £22,000 pa

An experienced communicator is required to assist the communications team in keeping staff and the public informed about our services, planned improvements and developments together with entertainments and events.

Duties will include liaising with the media, initiating and writing press releases, maintaining the Council's website, producing internal and external publications, organising events, some photography and contributing to reports.

Applications are also welcome from students completing a degree in media studies, journalism or another relevant discipline. This post provides the opportunity to study for a relevant professional qualification. You must be IT literate, including Excel and use of web design packages. A full driving licence is essential.

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Duties include handling customer enquiries face to face and over the telephone, answering correspondence, maintaining the Council's database and implementing the initial collection procedures, within a busy office environment.

Applicants must be computer literate, with Microsoft Office skills and an aptitude for figure work. You will be a good communicator with previous experience in a customer service environment. Ideally the successful applicant will have worked in a similar role and have a working knowledge of Council Tax and/or Business Rates.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE SUPERVISORS – Ref 1M206S

Cheshunt Park Golf Course

Salary range £13,180 pa - £15,086 pa

This role involves responsibility for the day to day supervision of food and beverage operations ensuring that an efficient, effective, friendly and profitable service is provided that exceeds customer expectations. This involves a range of tasks including stock control, ordering, operating bar and vending service's maintaining equipment, implementation of key documentation and adhering to agreed procedures, and cleaning/preparation of equipment and areas as per requirements. Full driving licence is essential.

A positive approach is essential as is the proven ability to supervise others whilst working as part of a team. As well as day shifts the position includes evenings, weekends and Bank Holiday working.

CRECHE ASSISTANTS – Ref 1M484S

Grundy Park Leisure Centre

Salary range £11,817 pa - £12,443 pa based on 40 hours per week

Part-time hours from 6 hours per week up to 13 hours per week available

The crèche is open Monday to Saturday 09.00 am - 12.15 pm

RECEPTIONIST – Ref 1M754S

John Warner Sports Centre

Salary range £11,513 pa - £13,135 pa pro rata

The total hours available average 13.5 per week, however some flexibility is available.

The post includes working evenings, weekends and early mornings.

The benefits package includes flexible working hours (where applicable), generous leave entitlement, a full training and development programme, free membership to our leisure centres and a local government pension scheme. Apply to Personal Services for further information and an application form quoting the relevant reference number to be returned by the relevant closing date, quoting the appropriate reference number.

Borough Offices, Bishops' College, Churchgate, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, EN8 9XQ. Telephone Direct Line: (01992) 785509 Fax: (01992) 626917 Email: personnel@broxbourne.gov.uk Web site: www.broxbourne.gov.uk

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**Please apply with a CV to: Mr Neil Smith,
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St Luke's Catholic Primary School

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MID-DAY ASSISTANT

**Term-time only, Monday to Friday
For 6.25 hours per week.**

Band 1, point 4 + Outer Fringe Allowance (pro rata)
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Closing date: 7th December 2007

TRAINEE IT SUPPORT ENGINEER

Energy ICT is a leading provider of energy management data collection solutions for large commercial and industrial customers.

Due to its continuing expansion we are seeking a new IT trainee to assist with its operation of its data hosting services.

Role includes the operation and maintenance of existing software systems. Providing support and services, full training will be provided.

The ideal candidate will be studying for or currently have an IT qualification with a good knowledge of databases/Excel and general PC troubleshooting/maintenance.

**Please send CV to The Office Manager, Energy ICT Ltd,
Leaside Works, Lawrence Avenue, Stanstead Abbots,
Herts SG12 8DL. Previous applicants need not apply.**

Roll: 1140

**BURNT MILL SCHOOL,
FIRST AVENUE, HARLOW CM20 2NR.**
Tel: 01279 300555
Fax: 01279 307234
email: office@burntmill.essex.sch.uk

Learning Support Assistant

**LGS Band 2 Point 11 - £14,199 pro rata plus
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27 hours per week - term time only,
38 weeks per year.**

Do you have a desire to motivate and inspire children? If the answer is yes then we would like to hear from you.

We are inviting applications for the post of Learning Support Assistant, to help our friendly teaching staff at our well resourced and popular school.

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Applicants need to have a calm and patient manner in order to establish supportive relationships whilst encouraging independence in students. Successful candidates will have the ability to work both independently and as part of a close team.

For further details about the role of a Learning Support Assistant at Burnt Mill School, please ring Evelyn Gardner on 01279 307251 or email gardner@burntmill.essex.sch.uk

Closing date: Monday 10th December, 2007.
The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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An attractive salary and benefits package available to the right candidate. Please send your CV in the first instance to Miss Jenny Mayes, Technical Manager, Arthur Branwell & Co Ltd, Bronte House, 58-62 High Street, Epping, Essex CM16 4AE.

Housekeeper

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Starting salary £15,500 per annum but dependant on experience and ability. Previous applicants need not apply.

Please send your current CV to:

Miss L. Doran, European WaterCare Ltd,

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**For an application pack, please contact Mal Allen on 01622 752139
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You will need to be highly organised, pay attention to detail and take the lead in ensuring all examination entries are accurate and the examinations run smoothly and efficiently.

The other area of responsibility involves the collecting, analysing and presenting reports on school assessment data.

Experience of the School Information Management System (SIMS), an understanding of MS office applications including a good knowledge of MS excel is essential.

**Further details and a job description are
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Headteacher, Cheshunt School, College Road,
Cheshunt, Herts EN8 9LY or via email.**

Tel: 01992 624375 Fax: 01992 643411

Email: admin@cheshunt.herts.sch.uk

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Clarke Hemnall Street, Epping, Essex CM16 4LG
Tel: 01992 565300
email: ross@clarkeinternational.com

Minitran

Bishop's Stortford based distributor of computer networking products, home automation systems and accessories has the following vacancy.

ACCOUNT MANAGER

Required for busy sales office. Responsibilities include proactive account management, arranging quotes, processing orders, ensuring the smooth delivery of goods and liaison with field sales. Good telephone manner essential. Industry experience is desirable but not essential, as product training will be provided.

Please send CV and covering letter to Linda Lunn, Minitran Ltd, Unit 4, Myson Way, Raynham Close, Bishop's Stortford, Herts CM23 5JZ or email: llunn@minitrans.co.uk
Tel: 01279 757775 www.minitran.co.uk
No agencies please

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5 day week (to include some weekend working) with 'on call' rota shared within the office.

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Call Sue on 01279 602920 or email CV to sue@crownserviceuk.com

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Dawson News

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Dawson News is one of the three key players in UK newspaper and magazine wholesaling, with a 20% share of the news distribution sector. If you would be interested to work for Dawson News, we have the following vacancy:-

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Salary £14,000 37.5 hours per week, Monday to Friday. Needs of the business require working 1 in 4 Saturdays on a rota basis

The core duties of this role will be to effectively manage a portfolio of publisher accounts, maximising sales targets and you will be the first point of contact for selected publishers. There will be a variety of administrative and IT related duties and liaising with other internal departments. Previous experience of a similar post would be an advantage, but not essential as full training will be given.

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The person required has to be adaptable for a range of jobs. This could involve using heavy machinery, electronics, wood working skills, setting up tooling, jigs, ordering of materials. While experience is useful, a willing hand and an enthusiasm to develop new skills is desirable.

During holidays you will be required to cover for Caretaking Staff.

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Mrs J. Cottle, Business Manager,
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(FULL TIME)**

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The Assistant Manager will be part of a small team who share responsibility for:

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Knowledge of tiles is not essential but you will have at least 2 years experience of retail selling based on knowledge of the product concerned. Your working week will be 5 days including Saturday.

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You will have the personality to deliver a high standard of customer service and to sell. Your working week will be 5 days including Saturday.

For further details and applications in writing with CV - Jonathan Newton, Ceramic Tiles Limited, 46 Boss Hall, Ipswich IP1 5BN.
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Weston Homes Plc

Plant/Plant Yard Manager

Weston Homes Plc are a young, dynamic and rapidly expanding property developer based in Takeley, Essex. We are looking to appoint a Plant/Plant Yard Manager for our Plant Yard at Takeley. We have a small but active plant consisting of Forklifts, Cherry pickers, Dumpers, Cranes, site accommodation, small equipment and Lorries.

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In return we are offering a generous remuneration package which includes an extensive range of benefits including a fully expensed company car, generous pension scheme and private medical cover.

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Human Resources, Weston Homes Plc
Weston Group Business Centre,
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Support Consultant

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- Excellent customer facing and communication skills
- Good organisation skills
- Good understanding of remote diagnostic tools.

A full clean UK driving license is essential as the position involves the use of a pool car to travel between Council offices, as necessary.

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Closing date: Friday 7th December 2007.

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- Interpretation of drawings, specifications and feasibility studies
- Preparing specifications and estimates for tenders

You will need to be able to demonstrate good project management skills, competency in Maths and English and excellent IT skills. You will be a good communicator, both written and oral.

Ideally you will have relevant experience in construction or building maintenance and a qualification in a relevant discipline e.g. surveying or building. It is essential you have a driving licence and daily use of a vehicle.

We offer training and development, flexible working hours, on site parking and a final salary pension scheme.

Please apply to Human Resources for further information and an application form to be returned by **Friday 14th December, 2007.**

Broxbourne Housing Association, Scania House, 17 Amwell Street, Hoddesdon, Herts EN11 8TS. Tel: 01992 453782.
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Recruitment

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Please send or email your CV to Harlow Occupational Health Service Ltd, Edinburgh Place, Templefields, Harlow, Essex CM20 2DJ.

If you feel that you have something to offer our organisation, and would like further information about the job or the company please contact:

Mrs Pamela Maynard, Occupational Health Manager Tel 01279 422377 Email pamela@hohs.org



Truck-Lite Europe, Barrows Road, Harlow, Essex

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Early shift - 6am to 2.06pm Monday to Friday - Job Ref: **EASAO**
Start rate is £6.21 p/hr increasing to £6.49 p/hr after approx 3 months

Candidates must be reliable and trustworthy with good communication skills. The ability to work in a team environment is essential as is manual dexterity and adaptability.

Job Ref: **TKST**

The main purpose of this day shift role is to support the Engineering Department to build prototypes, samples and non production capable products for the Trailer Kit market in line with customer demand.

This is predominantly a hands-on practical role which would suit an enthusiastic individual with a good level of competence on assembly equipment in general. It is essential that applicants must be able to accurately build parts and assemblies as per drawings, both to set timescales and within acceptable quality levels.

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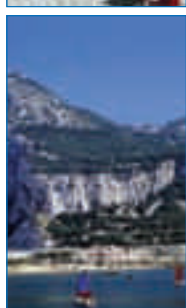
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Your stars with
Patrick Arundell
to guide you through the week ahead

Aries Mar 21-Apr 20
Life is unlikely to be
dull this week
Aries, in fact it can be
absolutely bursting with
energy. But because of
this the status quo can
suddenly seem as dull as
ditch water. So, the
explorer, adventurer,
traveller, or academic
genius in you needs to be
unleashed. Or, do you
simply need a change of
scene? Don't settle for
second best in your
quest. Call me to hear
why this can be so very
special...

Libra Sept 24-Oct 23
The Sun changes
signs this week
triggering a faster moving
period, when the
invitations will pour in and
the knack will be knowing
which ones to run with
and which to decline. But
words will take on a
particularly fated quality
as Jupiter blends with
Pluto and the Full Moon
radiates over the whole
scene. You can be
expressive, never more
than now! Call to hear
how you can truly
sparkle...

Taurus Apr 21-May 21
That freedom loving
side of your nature
that you've been
demonstrating this last
few years can pale this
week, to be replaced by
some of the core
influences that govern
your sign. And the things
and people that you hold
dear, you will want to hold
onto for dear life. Will this
make you clingy? Well,
yes it could. Jealous and
possessive too
potentially! Call to hear
why love can absolutely
sizzle....

Scorpio Oct 24-Nov 22
If you've been
working your socks
off in the pursuit of a
target, this can be a
seminal week. And if
you've really kept your
nose to the grindstone, a
major financial alteration
is possible. Yet equally,
you are being asked to
appreciate other values
and these don't just
come with a price ticket.
Savour creature
comforts, but also loved
ones. Call your Special
Prediction Line for more
news and advice...

Gemini May 22-Jun 21
Relationships are
important for us all
but for you they'll become
vital in the next month.
The quality of the most
intimate ties in your world
are set to come under the
microscope, good or bad.
Yet equally someone can
come into your world who
really captures your
imagination. It could be
amazing. At work? Sales
and people see you
thrive. Call to hear how
love can now be fated....

Sagittarius Nov 23-Dec 21
This is going to be
probably the most
important week of the
whole year. An
exaggeration? Not a bit of
it. For the last 12 years
power planet Pluto has
worked its way through
your sign. Now it's joined
by your ruler, lucky Jupiter
- and something in your
world can be powerfully
transformed. The more
creative you are, the
better. New starts abound.
Call me to hear why you
are so very blessed...

Cancer Jun 22-Jul 23
Work, welfare, the
domestic arena all
these are areas ripe for
improvements on the
back of a stellar week. If
you've been working
towards big changes
around these, the
finishing post is in sight.
However, if your everyday
situation is tipsey-turvy,
this is a great chance to
get things straight. Clear
the clutter, do that car
boot sale Cancer. Call me
if you know you need to
get more in shape...

Capricorn Dec 22-Jan 20
All sorts of
information can
come out of the
woodwork. But this can
help you to understand
situations and your own
deeper needs. However,
you do need to be
conscious of those
people who aren't always
upfront. In fact, you may
discover someone has
been a bit of a gossip
behind your back. In love,
the main theme is
tenderness. Do you have
it? Call for more special
insights...

Leo Jul 24-Aug 23
An uncertainty
around a long term
property or financial
matter can start to
unravel and to your
advantage. But what you
can celebrate most this
week is a huge surge of
energy. This is going to
give you the where withal
to cope with the
pressures in the run up to
Christmas and also see
you enthusiastic to
socialise. A Sagittarian
can enthral. Call to hear
why your kids can be
such fun...

Aquarius Jan 21-Feb 19
You can be one of
the most farsighted
of people. Charles Darwin
was an Aquarian and just
how farsighted was he!
And yet sometimes it can
feel as if you're constantly
swimming upstream,
because the world is not
quite ready for your ideas.
This can now change. In
fact this week a massive
hope of yours, can
absolutely soar. Call me
now for more on a time of
genuine destiny....

Virgo Aug 24-Sept 23
Your emotional
journey has not been
without its ups and downs
in the last 12 years, but
the whole process is reaching
an almost karmic juncture.
Do you stick, do you twist,
do you climb the property
ladder, or do you make up
with that family member
where there have been
strains? Big questions and
they all relate to your
physical or emotional
security. Call if you feel
more sensitive...

Pisces Feb 20-Mar 20
Ambitions are set to
skyrocket. But
remember yours can be
about collecting stamps,
someone else's can be linked
to increasing their status. But
whatever your hopes this is a
pivotal time. In pursuing your
dreams one other important
area of your world could get
neglected. If this relates to
free time and the family, give
yourself some moments of
rest. Call to hear why power
needs using right....

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24

Football

Harlow & District League, prem div: Marquis Sp 1, Maypole Ath 1; GPCA 3, Risden Wd 1; Rouge Lyon 4, Old Tn 2.

Div one: Altham Grove 4, Unique 1; Harberts 2, New Town Rangers 1; Maypole Ath res 3, GPCA res 1; Pollards 4, Risden Wd res 3.

Div two: A&A Utd 1, Rouge Lyon res 3; Barnes 1, Marquis res 3; Eastwick 2, Pools 1; Galaxy 1, FC Parkside 4; Rhyno 1, Atletico UG 2.

Div four: Abbey Albion 3, FC Flare 1; Ashfield 1, Dynamo 7; Broadley Common 3, FC Clark 4; Cottingham v Sharks p/p; Langley L 4, Harberts OB 4.

Div five: Eppaldo 12, Archers Dart 2; Epping Ath 6, Matching res 0; Harberts A 3, Rouge Lyon A 2, Brookside res 5, Altham Grove res 3.

Fixtures

SATURDAY DECEMBER 1

Football

Ryman League, prem div: Maidstone Utd v Harlow Tn.

Essex Senior League: Sawbridgeworth Tn v Bowers & Pitsea.

LFC Insurance Essex Olympian League, prem div: White Ensign v Epping.

Snr div one: Ongar Tn v Roydon, Potter Street v Leigh Ramblers.

Footprint Bishop's Stortford, Stansted & District, interdivisional plate 1st rnd: Hatfield Heath res v Loughton.

Prem div: Alemite Ath v Old Street, Birchanger v Debden res, North Weald v Hatfield Heath, Potter Street res v Sheering, White Roding v Pelly House.

Div one: Avondale Rangers v Potter St A, Heath Rvrs v Albury, North Weald res v Langley Rangers, Salvation Army v Lower St, Sheering res v Thaxted Rangers res.

Rugby

RFU London & South East League, div three north east: Harlow v Diss. **Essex League, div one:** Upper Clapton v Ilford Wanderers.

Hockey

NE14 East Men's League, div four south east: Harlow v Witham II. **Essex Women's League, prem div:** Chelmsford III v Harlow Ladies.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 2

Football

Harlow & District League, prem div: Rouge Lyon v GPCS, Marquis Sport v Old Town, Maypole Ath v Parndon Royals.

Div One Cup, quarter-final: Old Townmead v Harberts, Pollards v New Town Rangers, GPCA res v Altham Grove, Lindsey Street v Unique.

Div one: Risden Wd res v Maypole Ath res.

Div Two Cup, quarter-final: Barnes Ath v FC Parkside, Pools v Marquis Sports, Rhyno v Atletico UG, Galaxy v Rouge Lyon res.

Div Three Cup, quarter-final: Risden Wood A v Maypole Sports, Brookside v UG, Maiden v Latton Orient, Matching v St Germaine.

Div three: Harberts res v Talento.

Div Four Cup, quarter-final: Dynamo v FC Clark, Sewardstone v Cottingham, Ashfield v FC Flare, Abbey Albion v Harberts Old Boys.

Div four: Broadley C v Sharks.

Div Five Cup, quarter-final: Eppaldo v Epping Ath, Altham Grove Res v Matching res, Harberts A v Rouge Lyon res, Brookside res v Stewards.

KO Cup three go through

CC WHITES, Moot House Arrows and White Admiral advanced in the Harlow & District Darts League Team KO Cup preliminary round.

CC Whites beat United Glass 5-2, Moot House Arrows defeated Moot House 5-0 and White Admiral 5 won 5-0 against Swift Arrows.

180s were hit by two White Admiral players: Dave Galloway and Andy Booth.

Already through are GPCA Servopoint, Colt Hatch, Swift Half's, CC Foxes and Young Pretenders.

The first round draw takes place next week.

Last-ditch try seals victory for Clapton

IT was a case of the last chance saloon as Dan Smith scored the winning try from the last play of the game to give 14-man Upper Clapton victory at East London.

Clapton had used all their three substitutes and rearranged their line-up before prop Gary Heed went off with a twisted knee after 58 minutes on Saturday.

The visitors were trailing 13-10 when they were awarded a scrum on the home 22m line.

Slick work preceded scrum-half Lee Garwood darting down the blindside, where he committed the wing and passed to Smith who went over for an unconverted match-winning try.

East London 13, Upper Clapton 15 (Essex League, division one)

The visitors went ahead with an unconverted try in the 13th minute. Brothers Jake and Joe Philps broke before the ball found Scott Peattie and he ran through to score his first try for Clapton.

London replied with a 20th-minute penalty shortly before smart work by the Clapton backs ended with a looping Smith pass which set up Jake Philps to score an unconverted try in the corner.

Clapton's lead at half-time was 10-8 after an attempted Jake Philps clearance was charged down and a home centre reacted

well to touch down a 35th-minute try. The conversion was missed.

The changes either side of the break unsettled Clapton and on 53 minutes they conceded an unconverted try when the home number eight crashed over following a line-out 10m from the visitors line, to put London 13-10 up.

Clapton were denied for a time by some stout home defence.

Despite going down to 14, the visitors kept their composure to win at the death.

UPPER CLAPTON: Day, T. Sweeney, Smith, Joe Philps, Prince (M. Sweeney 43), Jake Philps (Hunt 47), Garwood, Johnston, Ayres, Heed, Procel, Peermamode, Peattie, Baldwin (Kemp 37), Jones.

'We simply must win Diss game'

THE importance of the Rams clash against second-placed Diss at home this Saturday cannot be overstated.

Diss will go into the match five points ahead of fifth-placed Harlow and if the Norfolk side win, the gap for the Rams may be too much to chase for gaining the play-off spot awarded to the team that finishes second.

Nick Ford, the Harlow captain, said: "It will be massive. If we play to our potential we can win but could come unstuck if we do not."

Harlow were much better against Braintree than they were in their last match at Saffron

Braintree 12, Harlow Tn 29 (London division three north east)

Walden.

It was marked by a great debut by Michael Weston, promoted from the Colts. He could well be the long-term replacement for wing forward Mark Pickett, who emigrated to Australia earlier this month.

Ford said: "His work rate was outstanding and he was our man-of-the-match. He made his tackles and played very well."

Harlow went ahead from a Ford penalty on the half-hour mark, but he missed another one later in the first half.

The visitors had the wind in their favour after the break and they increased their lead on 45 minutes. Lee Harron broke to

within 20m of the home line where he set up flanker Jamie Pope, who powered in for a try which Ford converted.

Braintree hit back swiftly when their full-back counter attacked from a deep Harlow kick and made good ground before the hosts' pack took the ball on and the blind-side flanker touched down near the posts. This was converted.

Harlow restored their 10-point lead on 55 minutes. A drive by the Harlow pack saw prop Gary Brown break and power past two defenders to score a try converted by Ford.

Braintree bounced back when their wing scored an unconverted try on the hour mark but Harlow's strength prevailed and they scored two more tries

through Simon Vanbeck on 70 and 80 minutes.

Good forward work preceded the ball being moved wide through the backs, allowing Vanbeck to break through. Ford's conversion hit the upright.

In the last play of the match, Harron put in an excellent kick down the left touchline and Vanbeck came through at full speed to take the ball after one bounce. He then beat three defenders before going over to score a try converted by Ford.

Ford added: "It was a case of winning ugly but we never looked like losing."

HARLOW: Banks, Vanbeck, Jarvis, Bohl, Grimley, Ford, Harron, Brown, Romaine, Prindiville (Hawkins 55), Snow, Ephgrave, Pope (Morgan 65), Weston (Wilkins 60), Claridge.



The bare necessity!

VETERAN Upper Clapton fly-half Steve Douglass, *above*, is known more for his kicking game than his tackle – but this is taking things to extremes!

Don't worry folks, the Essex League division one side have not taken to playing in the buff, but the club have come together to produce a *WI* style naked calendar.

The Thornwood Common-based club hopes the monies raised from the calendar will raise enough to rebuild the clubhouse at its base in Uplands Road.

The clubhouse was built in 1933 but is now desperately in need of a revamp.

Club spokeswoman Hayley Doherty explained: "During the run up to the World Cup we all saw the Stade Francais teams' Dieux Du Stade calendar, and an idea was born.

"It was not too hard to persuade enough players, both young and old, to bare their all – some people just don't need asking twice – and we were off!"

The calendars cost £10.00 each (plus £4.95 p&p if required) and are available from Hayley at 145 Smarts Lane, Loughton, Essex IG10 4BP. Cheques must be made payable to UCFC, or drop into the clubhouse at the weekend to pick up a copy.



WELL DONE: Dave Creedon, *left*, receives his award from Steve Wilson. *Far right*, Charlie Want (s)

Black belt karate duo make step up

HARLOW Shotokan Karate Club players Charlie Want and Dave Creedon starred at a grading session in Waltham Abbey.

Charlie (14), was awarded a 2nd Dan and Dave Creedon (40), was made a 1st dan. Both of them have been with the club for 15 years.

Emily Thorpe (11), Ryan Browne (14), and Luke Arnold (14), also won their senior brown belts.

The senior brown

and black belt grading followed a two-hour training course with Rod Butler, a 5th dan and chief instructor of Shotokan Karate England.

Erik Thorpe, instructor at the Harlow club, said: "This is a fantastic result for these two students as well as for the club itself, and it goes to show that karate really has no age barrier and is suitable for everyone."

Pack's power proves key in derby defeat

A POWERFUL Hertford pack was the decisive factor as Harlow Colts went down 43-0 at Hoe Lane on Sunday.

Hertford dominated possession in the set-pieces and, although Harlow battled manfully, they were always on the back foot without several of their second-year Colts.

Skipper Charlie Woodington tackled without respite and was Harlow's best player.

The visitors conceded three tries and two conversions in the first period, leaving them

trailing 19-0 at the interval.

Hertford scored an early second-half try and Harlow were unable to get a score despite spending a 15-minute spell in the home 22.

The hosts then ran in three more tries and two conversions.

Harlow Colts: Gudgeon, Mortimer, Cunningham, Elston, Dagleish, Davies, Read, Clark, Woodington, Goodey, Blackwell, Bowering, Treves, Jenner, King, Carter, Ansell, Perry.

Harlow U-14's only had 11 players and were loaned four

by hosts Datchworth, who won 32-20.

The Junior Rams trailed 17-10 at the break.

Inside centre Mitchell Cobbins and full-back Luke Healey scored a brace of tries each for the visitors.

A poor second half saw Harlow U-13's throw a 21-point lead away as they lost 38-26 at home to Datchworth.

Datchworth brought their powerful forwards on for the second half and Harlow found themselves defending hard as

the visitors scored five tries and four conversions.

Half-time sub wing Rees Nelson, making his debut, did well with some fine tackles.

Jack Boswell-Banks was unstoppable in the first half. The flanker scored three of Harlow's tries, showing his strength from the back of the pack.

Harlow's other try scorer was skipper Vinnie Hunter.

Harlow's conversions came from Josh Davies (2) and Sonny Handscombe.

Great season for North Weald CC

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In total nine batsmen recorded two centuries and 28 fifties between them.

Ian Jezzard topped the bowling averages with 10 wickets for just 44 runs, giving an average of 4.4. Bob Wood and Carl Ginn were the top wicket takers with 48.

‘Red card ref robbed us,’ - Chapman

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“We were lacking all over the pitch. We need to have more commitment.” The centre-half, who returned for the Harrow match after a lengthy spell out with a pelvic injury, has been surprised at Harlow’s poor run at home. “This place was a fortress last year. “But teams come here and they see a nice stadium and it gives them a lift. We need to overcome that as a team. “Away from home we have not been too bad at all which has helped us massively as without that we could be in trouble,” Chapman said.

Harlow got off to a great start when Akers put them in front on nine minutes. Kenny Davis’ cross from the right was headed out by Ashford defender Ben Martin, signed days earlier from Blue Square South side St Albans City, but only as far as Akers who fired a low shot into the centre of the net.

Minutes later James Hasell punched away a rising shot from Ashford skipper Gavin Bamford, before Lee Miles came close to putting the ball into his own net!

The Middlesex side equalised on 19 minutes when a clever pass from Todd was controlled by Paul Johnson and his shot struck the inside of a post before creeping over the line.

The hosts were forced to make a change at half-time when the unwell Davis was replaced by Shaun Gliddon.

The closest Harlow came to scoring was when David Lee’s 20-yard free-kick was well stopped by Ashford keeper Paul Burgess.

The game then descended into violence when Akers and Todd tangled before Deegan struck the Hawks wing-back on the head with his knee.

Forrester sent Akers off and from Deegan’s subsequent free-kick the ball was only half cleared and fell to Anthony Joseph on the edge of the right side of the box, who smashed home what proved to be the winner.

HARLOW TN: Hasell, Davis (S. Gliddon 45), Akers (sent off 72), Miles, Kirby, Chapman, Lalite, Lee, Bunn (Williams 67), Fowler, Sylvester (Green 80). Subs not used: Bocande, Dumoulin (gk). Att: 195.

Lucky thirteen from quality Street

OLD Street closed the gap on the leaders in the Footprint Bishop’s Stortford, Stansted & District Football League premier division when they recorded their biggest win of the season by putting 13 past Potter Street reserves.

On the scoresheet for the hosts were B. Ward (2), P. Casey (2), D. Nelson, N. Hopkins, M. Taylor (2), D. Ward (2) and P. Smith (3) as Street won 13-1.

Fourth-placed Quendon were held 3-3 by Pelly House. Adam Bicknell, Joseph Leigh and James Solkhan struck for Quendon.

In division one, Albury leapt out of the bottom two with a resounding 5-2 home win against Thaxted Rangers reserves. Heath Rovers thrashed Dunmow Rhodes 7-1. Joe Rudkin hit a hat-trick while Martin Foster (2), Luke Plane and Keiran Morgan also netted.

Salvation Army remain top after a comprehensive 9-0 rout of hosts Frontiers. Scorers were Nathan Blake (3), Ben Ford (2), Lee Collett, Dave Wilkinson, Terry Martin and Liam Mitchell.

In the Essex Junior Cup, Alemite Athletic suffered a 5-2 defeat at home to Hellins Bumstead. Richard Stapleton and Gavin Cochman replied for Alemite.

Other results:- prem div – Birchanger 1, White Roding 5; Debden res 1, Hatfield Heath 3; North Weald 2, Loughton 0.

Div one – Langley Rangers 2 (James Cutler, Kerem Gokce), Lower Street 1 (Sam Peacock), Avondale Rangers 1, Thorley Park 2.

Essex Junior Cup – Bancroft 4, Potter Street A 2.

Town derby is all White for goals!

IT was all White on the night for one Harlow Town team as club-mates met in an entertaining derby in the Harlow Star Youth Community League on Sunday.

Age proved the difference as the HARLOW TOWN U-8 WHITES conquered the HARLOW TOWN U-7 WHITES 13-0.

On target for the victors were Sam Butler, Danny Ireland (2), Tom Middleditch, Milo Barrett, Alfie Babb (2), Chaz Bowden (3), Aaron Cochrane and Bailey Neal (2).

HARLOW TOWN REDS U-11’s ran out 10-0 winners at home to RISDEN WOOD.

James Caswell was the six-goal hero for the hosts. Also scoring were Hayden Brett (2), Charlie McGill and William Kimble.

Zak Norris got the LANGLEY COLTS STALLIONS U-11’s’ consolation in a 3-1 loss at Ware (Link).

Finding the net for Ware were Jack Reid, Frankie Branch and Curtis Blackburn.



LANGLEY COLTS STALLIONS U-9’s were in seventh heaven after a 7-1 defeat of Stansted Juniors. Scorers were Thomas Bullman, Samuel Chaplin, Zachary Birse (3), Will Fordham and Sean Black.

U-9 club-mates LANGLEY COLTS MUSTANGS triumphed 1-0 against HARLOW TOWN REDS.

Ethan Smith got the only goal. It was his first goal for the club.

MARK HALL YOUTH U-9’S defeated Elsenham 2-1. Owen Goddard and Ryan Clark were on target for the hosts.

In the same age group, LANGLEY COLTS TROJANS won 6-2 against Waltham Abbey. Quinn, Waters, Henry (2) and Newborough (2) found the net.

In the U-10s, LANGLEY COLTS STALLIONS drew 4-4 with HARLOW TOWN REDS. Ben Alexandra (2) and Ben Smith (2) were on the score-

sheet.

In the U-10 Secretary’s Cup group D, KILN RANGERS defeated FC Paringdon 2-1. Colyn Edmonson and Gregory Glynn secured the victory for the visitors.

In group A, HARLOW TOWN WHITES triumphed 2-0 at EPPING YOUTH C. Danny Baker and Peter Spellman struck for Whites.

Other results:- U-12s – Connaught Rangers 1, Saturn 6; Epping Yth 4, Marquis Sports 1; Harlow Tn 0, Mark Hall Yth 12.

U-11s – Apex Yth 0, Harlow Tn Colts 2; Epping Yth 4, Langley Colts Trojans 0; Waltham Abbey 1, Saturn 3.

Secretary’s Cup, group A – Epping Yth A 1, Mark Hall Yth 5. Secretary’s Cup, group C – Epping Yth B 0, Abbey Yth 7; Langley Colts Mustangs 4, Bishop’s Stortford 0.

Secretary’s Cup, group D – Bishop’s Stortford Tn 9, Harlow Tn Colts 0.

U-9s – Langley Colts Trojans 6, Waltham Abbey 2; Langley Colts Mustangs 1, Harlow Tn Red 0; Mark Hall Yth 2, Elsenham Yth 1; Risden Wd 2, Epping Yth 10; Saturn 1, Harlow Tn White 2.

U-7s/U-8s – Epping Yth U-8 8, Saturn U-8 0; Harlow Tn U-7 Reds 6, Newhall Rangers U-7 1; Langley Colts U-8 Stallions 0, Mark Hall Yth U-8 5; Langley Colts U-8 Trojans 1, Elsenham Yth U-8 5.



HARLOW TOWN U-11 REDS: The side, which are sponsored by LTM Digital, notched up a cracking 10-0 win at the weekend

Spot of bad luck for Robins

THE Robins were left feeling robbed by two crucial decisions as they were dumped out of the Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy by Southend Manor.

It was locked at 2-2 in Saturday’s second-round tie at Crofter’s End on 85 minutes when home striker Kevin Moore was bundled down in the box, but the referee waved aside Sawbo’s penalty appeal.

The match went into extra-time which saw Ashley Conlan have a shot well saved by visitors’ keeper Adam

Seal, before Wilf Msiska fired in a controversial winner for his second goal on 106 minutes.

Moore, suffering from a rib injury, was winded in a heavy collision with Seal and was only able to continue after lengthy treatment.

The visitors went ahead on 21 minutes when Mark Sisson converted a right-wing cross at the near post.

Sawbridgeworth equalised five minutes later when Dan Crook volleyed Phil Bulled’s cross into the net.

Injury forced two home substitutions. Michael Burrell came on for keeper Andros Demosthenos (knee injury) during the break and Ross Tobolewski replaced Jimmy Ellice (thigh injury) five minutes after the restart.

Sawbridgeworth went ahead on 61 minutes. Gary Davies turned the ball into his own net in an effort to stop Conlan’s cross reaching Greg Hughes.

Manor equalised on 67 minutes. A Grant Kory-Davison cross was not cleared and

Msiska rifled in from four yards.

The hosts came close to scoring when Moore fired against a post shortly before Sawbo were denied a penalty.

The game then moved into extra-time when Southend struck.

Robins boss Richard Branchflower said: “We gave away two silly goals.”

SAWBRIDGEWORTH TN: Demosthenos (Burrell 45) Bulled, Crook, Day, Longley, Sontag, Conlan, Baker (Hudson 93) Hughes, Moore, Ellice (Tobolewski 50).

TABLES

RYMAN LEAGUE Up to & incl Tue Nov 27 Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Chelmsford City.....	17	11	3	3	36
Hendon	18	10	5	3	35
Ramsgate	16	8	3	5	27
Boreham Wood	18	8	3	7	27
AFC Wimbledon	15	7	5	3	26
Staines Tn	13	7	4	2	25
Horsham	13	8	0	5	24
Margate	18	6	6	6	24
Maidstone Utd	16	7	1	8	22
Harlow Tn	17	5	6	6	21
E Thurrock Utd	16	6	3	7	21
Folkestone Invicta	16	5	4	7	19
Ashford Tn (Mdx)	17	5	4	8	19
Hastings Utd	17	5	4	8	19
Tonbridge Angels	15	5	3	7	18
AFC Hornchurch	13	5	3	5	18
Wealdstone	15	5	3	7	18
Carshalton Ath	15	5	3	7	18
Harrow Boro	17	5	3	9	18
Heybridge Swifts	16	3	8	5	17
Billerica Tn	13	4	3	6	15
Leyton.....	17	4	3	10	15

LFC INSURANCE ESSEX OLYMPIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE Up to & incl Sat Nov 24 Senior Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Mountnessing	10	5	3	2	18
White Ensign	8	6	0	2	18
Canning Town	9	4	4	1	16
Frenford Senior	8	5	1	2	16
Takeley	8	5	1	2	16
Harold Wood Ath	11	3	5	3	14
Galleywood	10	4	2	4	14
Benfleet	9	4	1	4	13
Kelvedon Hatch	9	3	3	3	12
B Stortford Swifts	10	3	2	5	11
Epping	11	1	4	2	5
Shell Club (Coring'm)	7	1	2	4	5
Manford Way	8	0	2	6	2

HARLOW STAR YOUTH COMMUNITY FOOTBALL LEAGUE Up to & including Sun Nov 25 Under 9s

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Langley Clts Stallions	9	9	0	0	27
Epping Youth	9	8	0	1	24
Mark Hall Yth	9	8	0	1	24
Langley Clts Trojans	10	7	1	2	22
Langley Clts Mustang	9	5	0	4	15
Risden Wood	9	4	0	5	12
Harlow Tn Reds	8	3	1	4	10
Waltham Abbey	9	3	1	5	10
Harlow Town Whites	10	3	0	7	9
Saturn	9	1	1	7	4
Elsenham Youth	9	0	1	8	1
Stansted Juniors	8	0	1	7	1

Under 10s - Gold Division

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Abbey Youth	6	5	1	0	16
Langley Colts Mustangs	5	4	1	0	13
Bishop’s Stortford Tn	4	3	0	1	9
Mark Hall Youth	5	3	0	2	9
Epping Youth B	5	1	1	3	4
Epping Youth A	4	1	0	3	3
Risden Wood	4	0	1	3	1
B Stortford Athletic	5	0	0	5	0

Under 10s - Silver Division

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Waltham Abbey	6	4	1	1	13
Harlow Town Whites	5	4	1	0	13
Langley Colts Stallions	5	4	0	1	12
Harlow Town Red	6	3	0	3	9
Harlow Town Colts	6	3	0	3	9
FC Parington	5	2	0	3	6
Kiln Rangers	5	2	0	3	6
B Stortford Colts	4	1	0	3	3
Epping Youth C	6	0	0	6	0

Under 11s

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Harlow Town Colts	9	8	0	1	24
Langley Colts Stallions	8	7	0	1	21
Ware FC	7	6	0	1	18
Epping Youth	8	5	1	2	16
Saturn	9	5	0	4	15
Apex Youth	8	4	1	3	13
Langley Colts Trojans	9	3	1	5	10
Waltham Abbey	7	2	1	4	7
Harlow Town Red	8	2	0	6	6
Mark Hall Youth	9	2	0	7	6
Bishop’s Stortford	0	0	0	0	0
Risden Wood	10	0	0	10	0

Under 12s

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Mark Hall Youth	9	8	0	1	24
Marquis Sports	10	6	2	2	20
Langley Colts Trojans	8	6	1	1	19
Saturn	10	5	1	4	16
Langley Colts Mustangs	8	5	1	2	16
Epping Youth	8	5	0	3	15
Waltham Abbey	9	2	1	6	7
Harlow Town	8	1	0	7	3
Connaught Rangers	7	0	0	7	0
Bishop’s Stortford	5	0	0	5	0

FOOTPRINT BISHOP’S STORTFORD, STANSTED & DISTRICT LEAGUE Up to & incl Sat Nov 24 Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Alemite Athletic	10	9	1	0	19
North Weald	10	8	0	2	16
Old Street	9	7	0	2	14
Quendon Ath	12	5	3	4	13
Pelly House	10	6	1	3	13
Loughton	11	5	2	4	12
Hatfield Heath	10	5	0	5	10
White Roding	10	4	1	5	9
Debden Res	8	1	2	5	4
Birchanger	8	2	0	6	4
Sheering	10	2	0	8	2
Potter Street Res	10	0	2	8	2

Division One

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Salvation Army (Harlow)	12	8	1	3	17
North Weald Res	10	8	1	1	17
Sheering Res	11	8	1	2	17
Heath Rovers	9	7	1	1	15
Potter Street ‘A’	10	6	2	2	14
Langley Rangers	12	7	0	5	14
Thorley Park	7	5	2	0	12
Thaxted Rangers Res	10	3	2	5	8
Avondale Rangers	11	3	0	8	6
Dunmow Rhodes	11	2	2	7	6
Albury	10	2	2	6	6
Hatfield Heath Res	7	2	1	4	5
Lower Street	10	2	1	7	5
Frontiers	12	0	0	12	0

HARLOW & DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE Up to & incl Sat Nov 24 Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Gt Parndon C A	8	5	0	3	15
Old Town Ath	8	3	2	3	11
Rouge Lyon	6	3	2	1	11
Parndon Royals	4	2	2	0	8
Maypole Ath	6	1	3	2	6
Marquis Sports	6	1	3	2	6
Risden Wood	6	0	2	4	2

Division One

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Lindsey Street	10	9	0	1	27
Harberts	8	5	1	2	16
Maypole Ath. Res.	6	4	0	2	12
Risden Wood Res.	6	4	0	2	12
Old Townmead FC	7	3	1	3	10
Pollard	7	3	0	4	9
Gt Parndon C A Res	7	3	0	4	9
Altham Grove	9	2	2	5	8
Unique	6	1	1	4	4
New Town Rangers	10	1	1	8	4

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	Pt
FC Parkside	8	8	0	0	24
Pools Athletic	7	6	0	1	18
Atletico UG FC	9	6	0	3	18
Rhyno Athletic	9	4	0	5	12
Rouge Lyon Res	8	4	0	4	12
Galaxy FC	8	4	0	4	12
Marquis Sports Res	6	3	0	5	9
Barnes Athletic FC	8	3	0	5	9
Eastwick Lions FC	8	2	0	6	6
A and A	9	1	0	8	3

Division Three

Luton Orient	9	5	1	3	16
Risden Wood 'A'	6	5	1	0	16
Maiden FC	7	4	0	3	12
Matching Utd	8	3	1	4	10
St Germaine	8	3	1	4	10
UG Utd FC	6	3	0	3	9
Maypole Sports	8	2	3	3	9
Harberts Res	9	1	0	8	3
Talento	4	0	1	3	1

Substitutes help leaders roll on for capital gains

East London 2, Harlow 4

(NE14 East Men's Hockey League, div four SE)

THE wisdom of coach Bob Gotobed helped Harlow as they overcame a 2-0 deficit to triumph 4-2 and stay top of division four south east.

Gotobed's decision to introduce roll-on substitutes ensured Harlow remained fresh after a poor initial period.

It was the first time Harlow had used any subs this season and the visitors' overall fitness overwhelmed their opponents, particularly in midfield.

The visitors started the game sluggishly and were 2-0 down inside the opening eight minutes.

The first goal came from a rebound after a penalty corner save from Harlow keeper Rich Norris.

East London doubled their advantage from a free hit outside the 'D'. The Harlow defence were angry about this as they felt the ball did not deflect off a home stick and so should not have been given.

Stung by this decision, Harlow dominated the remainder of the match.

It was not long before the chances started to flow. The East London keeper made a few good saves before Harlow halved the deficit when skipper Steve White slammed in a rebound from a penalty corner.

The equaliser came soon after the re-start. Luke Krzoska found the net after some determined play in the 'D'.

Midway through the half Chris Shearman-Slack and White combined in style to set Craig Cholerton free at the top of the 'D' and he beat the keeper with aplomb to put Harlow ahead.

The points were made save 10 minutes from time when White scored his second after some fine approach work from Cholerton.

Captain White said: "It was a particularly pleasing result to come from two goals down to dominate and comfortably win a match against a team that were only three points behind in the league table at the start of the day."

HARLOW: Norris, Jones, Prodger, Torville, Plumridge, Chandler, Cholerton, Krzoska, Smith, Shearman-Slack, White, Symmonds (squad).

Table-toppers suffer second loss

TABLE-topping POTTER STREET slipped to only their second defeat of the season when they went down 2-0 at home to Faces in senior division one of the LFC Insurance Essex Olympian Football League.

Faces went ahead after 30 minutes on Saturday. Poor marking enabled Shaun Farnham to head in unchallenged from Phil Maloney's corner.

Carl Smith should have done better when he shot straight at the visitors' keeper from 15 yards before Faces doubled the advantage after 75 minutes. Farnham prodded in at the second attempt after a good block by Rob Hamilton.

Street's player-manager Rob Campbell said: "It was a poor performance. As players sometimes you have to hold your hands up and say you didn't do enough at times."

EPHING lost 3-1 at home to title contenders White Ensign in the senior premier division.

Ensign went ahead on 15 minutes and doubled their advantage 10 minutes later.

Epping halved the deficit on 55 minutes. Leven Okan found Alex Talks and his shot went to the left of the oncoming keeper and into the net.

Lee Forde and Greg Duignan fired chances over the visitors' bar and in searching for an equaliser, Epping left space at the back.

Ensign exploited this and scored their third goal on 89 minutes.

Mark Wells, the Epping boss, said: "The scoreline flattered the visitors and we deserved something out of the game from their second-half performance."

"This is often the case when you are at the wrong end of the table."

In senior division one, Roydon beat Old Chelmsfordians 3-2.

Aaron and Ruth top the lot

AARON Pascal and **Ruth** Bastow won the most improved boy and girl awards at Harlow Athletic Club's annual presentation night.

The pair, both U-13 athletes, earned the top prizes after showing the most improvement this year compared to 2006, in their best three events.

Points are awarded for each event and collated through an athlete's time or distance during the year.

Aaron registered personal bests in his age group in the long jump (4.02m), 100m (14.2s) and 200m (29.6s) this season, but was not able to attend the club's presentation evening, held at Mark Hall School on Saturday.

Ruth's best events were in the 800m (2 mins 44.4s), long jump (4.24m) and 200m (30.1s).

Harry Westcott and Jordan



TOP GUNS:

Harlow athletes, front from left, Stewart Sommerville, Eleanor Moss, Hayley Wright, Kiera Davis, Harry Synowski. Middle from left, Laura Wilson, Ruby Bastow, Isobel Moss, Marleen Avontuur, Paige Harmsworth, Joshua Steel, Nathan Carver. Back from left, Ted Cole (organiser), Polly Woods, Gemma Ingram. Inset, Aaron Pascal

Photo: Vikki Lince (R9K7CNPR-02)

Westcott respectively came second and third in the U-12 boys category, while Gemma Ingram (U-15) and Marlene Avontuur (U-11) were second and third in the girls category.

Harry's best events were the long jump 3.15m, 800m (2.56) and 1,500m (5.58), while Jordan's were in the same disciplines – long jump (3.30m), 800m (2.39.9) and 1,500m (5.28.4).

Marlene (U-11) is an extremely promising runner at 800m, where she has clocked 2:53.23. She also registered personal bests (PBs) in the 200m (32.3s) and long jump (3.68m), while Gemma registered PBs in the 200m (32.3s), 300m (54.7s) and discus (17.12m).

Ted Cole, who has run the awards for 30 years, said that the club also has high hopes for talented sprinter Sian

Donovan (U-14) and triple jumper Polly Woods (U-16).

● **THREE** Harlow Running Club members competed in the Met League fixture at Wormwood Scrubs, North London, last Saturday.

John Tennant was 156th in 34 mins 25 secs.

He was followed by John Evans in 233rd (37.26) and Martin McColgan in 256th (39.37).

Revenge sweet for super Hawks

Harlow Hawks 83, Middlesex University 74

(Herts Basketball League, division one)

REVENGE was sweet as Harlow Hawks defeated Middlesex University at the Sportcentre.

Hawks had lost their previous encounter against the University to a buzzer-beating shot in the final quarter but they made no mistake on Friday evening.

The Hawks had a full squad for the match, and they started well.

Mike Freeman and Paul Jessop led the way, scoring all the Hawks points in the first quarter up until Shab Niaz and Dave Spashett chipped in with two three-pointers.

Despite their good play, the Hawks had a slim lead (17-14) going into the second quarter.

Harlow started the second quarter with a long-range three-pointer



WRIGHT STUFF: Steve Wright looks for the basket against Middlesex on Friday (JT4K27XV03)

from Paul Jessop; this was followed by five points from the visitors.

Middlesex seemed able to get open shots close to the basket as the

Hawks defence began to slacken off, allowing some easy shots.

Lee Jones provided a spark off the bench for the Hawks with some

excellent defence and rebounding, as well as good offence play.

The teams were closely matched in scoring with neither side win-

ning the points battle as they both scored 18 points in the second period, leaving Hawks 35-32 ahead at the halfway stage.

The Hawks felt they could improve on their lead and did so in the third quarter.

Jessop was a big contributor, scoring 12 points and taking advantages of the small player guarding him.

Close behind was Freeman who scored 11 points in the quarter, hitting a three-pointer and some tough shots close to the basket.

This quarter proved key to the result as the Hawks out-scored the University 33-23, increasing their lead to 68-55.

The Hawks had a 13-point cushion going into the fourth quarter, and despite a small comeback from Middlesex, the home team secured the victory.

HARLOW HAWKS: Jessop (31pts), Freeman (19), S. Niaz (16), Spashett (6), Jones (5), Ramadan (2), McBride (2), Sharma, Wright, Haddow, Nguyen, Burgess.

Opponents Hav the beating of Ladies

Harlow 0, Havering 4
(Essex Women's Hockey League, premier division)

HAVERING put an end to Harlow's unbeaten run at Passmores on Saturday.

The result saw Harlow drop down to third in the premier division table on goal difference.

The hosts looked sluggish and out of sorts as they allowed Havering to attack down the flanks.

The early pressure from the away team was converted onto the scoresheet when they finished from a short-corner routine after only seven minutes.

The scoreline was doubled eight minutes later when the Harlow defence failed to clear a cross from the right. A high, looping ball dropped to a Havering midfielder allowing her to slot the ball into the net.

Harlow did have their chances and attacks by Babsie Steenekamp and Charlotte Byers forced short corner opportunities, but the training-ground routines that have paid dividends in recent matches were not flowing and these opportunities were spurned.

When Havering found a third goal six minutes before the half-time whistle, the game was all but over.

An improved performance in the second half by the home team provided a better spectacle as they forced the play.

However, in pushing forward they were susceptible to the counter-attack and the fourth goal completed a comprehensive win.

HARLOW: Crowser, Shearman-Slack, Hansson, Johnson, Rowley, Price, Rushton, Amos, Steenekamp, Hawes, Byers, Donaghey, Jess Green.

Local sports results every Saturday



Midfielder returns in Harlow defeat

DANNY Hill made his long-awaited comeback as Harlow Town reserves suffered a 3-1 defeat at Tiptree United in a friendly on Tuesday evening.

The Hawks, who visit Chelmsford City in the Capital League this coming Wednesday, conceded two first-half goals in as many

minutes, both netted by Jamie Arlick which gave them an uphill task.

Hill, who has been out for several weeks with a groin and thigh injury, looked impressive when he came on as a second-half sub.

Lewin Ward, on loan from Hawks' neighbours

Bishop's Stortford, added a third before Shaun Gliddon tucked in a consolation goal on 80 minutes.

Last Wednesday, Harlow went out of the Capital League President's Cup after a 3-1 loss at home to AFC Hornchurch.

Former Hawk Ludovic Quistin returned to play a

one-off match for the Barrows Farm side.

Shane Oakley opened the scoring before Daniel Bocande, on loan from Luton Town, equalised for Bill Songhurst's men.

Second-half strikes from Oakley and Harry Elmes put the game beyond Harlow.

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'Red card ref robbed us'

HAWKS defender Danny Chapman blasted referee Lee Forrester as Harlow Town suffered defeat in this 'six-pointer' against Ashford Town, having been reduced to 10 men.

Clark Akers had opened the scoring for Ryan Kirby's side but was sent off on 72 minutes with the scores level. Ashford snatched a winner straight after Forrester produced the red card at Barrows Farm on Saturday.

Akers' clash with Scott Todd was no worse than the retribution immediately taken by Ashford left-back Darren Deegan which went completely

Harlow Tn 1,
Ashford Tn (Middx) 2
(Ryman League,
premier division)



unpunished. Chapman (26), above, told *Star Sport*: "They were both throwing their arms and legs around."

"The ref was not too good all game. He was making some very poor decisions. It [the sending off] changed the game."

The defeat means Harlow have not won at home in the league since September 1 against Ramsgate – which is their only league win at Barrows Farm this season.

However, the Hawks deserved little from this match and were a shadow of the side that thrashed Harrow Borough seven days earlier.

"I did not think we deserved much," said Chapman. "We were not good today [Saturday]."

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CALM BEFORE THE STORM: Kenny Davis gets ready to pass to Clark Akers, far right, as he heads towards Ashford matchwinner Anthony Joseph (11). Akers was later sent off while Davis was forced off with an illness at half-time
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MOVING ON:
Gordon Boateng

THE Hawks are looking for a new assistant manager after Gordon Boateng quit the post earlier this week.

Boateng joined Harlow Town during the pre-season, having led Brimsdown Rovers to the Spartan South Midlands League premiership title last season.

Boateng cited a desire to return to being a manager as his reason for going and his departure has disappointed Hawks player-boss Ryan Kirby.

Kirby said: "He has always been a help to me and he's very organised. It's a shame, without a doubt. It would be very difficult for me to organise and then be a part of a training session but he would take care of things like that."

Asked about the qualities he is looking for in a successor, Kirby said:

"It needs to be someone who knows the game and is confident of making the decision."

Kirby hopes the new man will be familiar with the players. "If he is not known, it could be difficult with the players," he said.

Boateng confirmed the decision was not prompted by any outside offer but has received interest since.

He said: "Nobody came in for myself. Since the news came out, two clubs have spoken to me about becoming their manager."

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"Everything was fantastic and I got on with Ryan. I think the club was going forward. I wanted to be a manager and I miss making the decisions. I will progress more as a manager than as an assistant or coach."

He added: "Tenth is where I expect Harlow to be and I expect them to finish in mid-table."

Prior to his job at Brimsdown, Boateng managed Bishop's Stortford's reserve side in the Capital League in 2004-05.

A passionate man, the presence of the vocal Boateng will be sorely missed on the touchline at Barrows Farm.

Harlow visit ninth-placed Maidstone United this Saturday and Kirby is looking for an improvement following the lacklustre performance in the home defeat to Ashford Town.

"They [Ashford] had a lot of men behind the ball and we did not get the side to open them up. We created very few problems."

Wing-back Mark Taylor and utility player Michael Gliddon were ruled out by illness for the Ashford match and may return at Maidstone.

Midfielder Danny Hill, who has been sidelined with a groin injury since October, played for the reserves in a 3-1 friendly defeat at Tilbury on Tuesday (see match report on page 51).

Hill looked back to full fitness and should be in the squad for Saturday's trip. Central defender Beckett Hollenbach has recovered from a knee injury, and is likely to be in the squad.